

Town of Newington, NH
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Present: John Lamson-Chair , Brandon Arsenault-Vice Chair, Katherine Latchaw, Rick Stern, Jennifer Kent Wiener, David Mueller, School Board Rep, Ted Connors-Selectmen's rep, Jim Weiner, Co-Chair Conservation Commission, Peggy Lamson, Cemetery Trustee, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Cemetery Trustee, Michael Marconi, Selectman, Denis Messier, Sewer Plant Manager, Skip Cole, Sewer Commissioner, Jack Hoyt, Sewer Commissioner, Mike Bilodeau, Police Chief and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Kent Weiner moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2017. D. Mueller seconded the motion with all in favor.

Conservation Budget Review:

D. Mueller moved to tentatively approve the Conservation budget of \$11,592.

K. Latchaw seconded the motion.

Jim Weiner discussed items in the budget, including the maintenance of lane, potential future easements, spruce tree disease and control.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Conservation budget and all were in favor of \$11,592.

Rick Stern entered the meeting at 7:23pm.

Cemetery Budget Review:

D. Mueller moved to tentatively approve the recreation budget of \$25,765. B. Arsenault seconded the motion.

Peggy Lamson presented the budget to the committee. Discussion ensued on the new sexton position, a columbarium for cremations, a long range plan and corner markers on multiple lots.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Cemetery budget and all were in favor of \$25,765.

Sewer Budget Review:

J. Kent Weiner moved to tentatively approve the Sewer Department budget of \$1,297,667. K. Latchaw seconded the motion.

D. Messier presented the Sewer budget to the committee. Discussion ensued on the construction loan, the construction completed percentage (95%), the age of the sewer pipes and how the customers are charged.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Sewer Department budget of \$1,297,667.

R. Stern abstained with all remaining in favor.

Emergency Management Budget Review: R. Stern moved to tentatively approve the Emergency Management budget of \$15,839. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote on the Emergency Management budget of \$15,839. All in favor.

Police Budget Review: B. Arsenault moved to tentatively approve the Police budget of \$1,584,473. R. Stern seconded the motion. Chief Bilodeau presented the Police budget to the committee. Discussion ensued on the new part time Prosecutor position, the classes and education expense line, supervisor training, the recruitment incentive, accreditation, leasing or buying tasers and the increase in the tire line due to the cruisers being four wheel drive. The Chief will forward an analysis of purchasing versus leasing the tasers to the committee. He also explained that he has a partnership with Portsmouth High School to have a class rotate and balance the cruisers' tires at no cost.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Police Department budget of \$1,584,473. All in favor.

J. Kent Wiener moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm. K. Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Eleanor Boy
Recorder**