

NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of January 23rd, 2020

Present: George Corliss, Carl Bartlett, Steve Randall, Kaitlin Lounsbury, Morris Boudreau, Kevin Waldron, Sel Rep. Glen Brown;

Others Present: Stephanie Giovannucci, Wayne Crowley, Scott Haskins;

Chairman George Corliss called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Bartlett/Randall moved to approve minutes from January 16, 2020 as corrected. **Motion Passed.**

- **General Government Proposed Budget:**

Committee reviewed Parks and Recreation: Mr. Randall asked about the status of Island Park. Mrs. Giovannucci stated that she is still waiting on Tilton to complete the process, as they wanted to research the heirs and get their permission to change the deed. Mrs. Giovannucci also stated that there is an increase to park maintenance due to the removal of additional pine trees at Pines Park.

Mrs. Giovannucci stated that there is an increase at Knowles Pond due to the annual dam fee increase.

Lounsbury/Boudreau moved to approve the Selectboard Budget for \$50,144 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Boudreau moved to approve the Town Administrator Budget for \$184,065 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Lounsbury moved to approve the Town Meeting Budget for \$2,310 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Lounsbury moved to approve the Finance Budget for \$43,001 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Boudreau moved to approve the Treasure Budget for \$3,122 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Lounsbury moved to approve the Information Technology Budget for \$49,770 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Boudreau moved to approve the Revaluation of Property Budget for \$71,157 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Boudreau moved to approve the Legal Budget for \$20,000 **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Lounsbury moved to approve the Planning and Zoning Budget for \$21,440.

Discussion: Mr. Waldron asked about GIS Mapping and why it was removed. Mr. Crowley stated that there was no one that could run it. Mr. Randall asked what the value to the Town would be. Mr. Waldron stated that it can be used to map catch basins, sewer line, etc. it would be beneficial to the Town. Mr. Haskins stated that the Selectboard doesn't feel it was a need at this time. Mr. Randall suggested we look into it more before making a decision to remove it. Mr. Crowley stated that you're not going to get a recommendation out of the Selectboard because Lakes Region Planning Commission can do the maps for the Town. **Motion Passed 5 to 1.**

Randall/Boudreau moved to approve General GOV Building Budget for \$19,670. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Lounsbury moved to approve the Insurance Budget for \$ 78,712. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Bartlett/Lounsbury moved to approve the Fire Budget for \$41,419.

Discussion: Mr. Waldron asked if there was a forest fire and we have one and there is a tight budget where is the money going to come from. Mr. Randall stated that there is \$50,000 in the Fund Balance. Mr. Crowley stated that the bottom line budget can't spend over without a Town vote. He suggested that in the future that they add a contingency line. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Bartlett/Randall moved to approve the Code Enforcement Budget for \$18,837. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Lounsbury/Randall moved to approve the Health Budget for \$1.00. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Bartlett/Lounsbury moved to approve the Animal Control Budget for \$10,950. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Lounsbury/Bartlett moved to approve the Welfare Admin Budget for \$20,390. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Boudreau moved to approve the Welfare Vendor Budget for \$27,910. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Bartlett/Randall moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Budget for \$19,500. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Lounsbury/Bartlett moved to approve the Conservation Budget for \$1,700. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Waldron/Bartlett moved to approve the NEDC Budget for \$5,000. **Motion Passed 5 to 1.**

Randall/Waldron moved to approve the Tax Interest Budget for \$5,000. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

- **Warrant Articles**

Mrs. Giovannucci stated that Articles 1-5 are Ballot questions.

Mr. Bartlett asked where the \$300,000 came from. Mr. Crowley explained that the Capital Improvements Program Committee sets up projects that need to be done, and then comes up with dollars that need to be raised to complete the projects each year, this year by taxes \$300,000 is needed for road projects.

Randall/ Lounsbury moved to approve Warrant Article 6 as written. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Waldron/Randall moved to approve Warrant Article 7 as written. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Lounsbury/Waldron moved to approve Warrant Article 8 as written. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Waldron/Randall moved to approve Warrant Article 9 as written.

Discussion: Mr. Waldron asked if we have been putting money in. Mrs. Giovannucci stated that we have about \$98,000 in the account now. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Waldron/Bartlett moved to approve Warrant Article 10 as written.

Discussion: Mr. Waldron asked if we had to wait to purchase before we sell. Mr. Randall explained what is being purchased. Mr. Crowley stated that the Board of Selectmen are agents of the fund and they can pre-spend with anticipation of the selling. He stated they have a plan to sell the old sander and F350 pickup this summer. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Waldron/Randall moved to approve Warrant Article 11 as written. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Waldron/Randall moved to approve Warrant Article 12 as written. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Randall/Waldron moved to approve Warrant Article 13 as written. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Lounsbury/Boudreau moved to approve Warrant Article 14 as written. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Waldron/Lounsbury moved to approve Warrant Article 15 as written.

Discussion: Mr. Waldron asked if we have an account for PD equipment that has money in it. Mr. Randall said the money in that fund is being used for a cruiser. Mr. Waldron said that is not the only use of the fund. Mr. Randall stated that it was explained to the residents that it is being used for a cruiser. **Motion Passed 5 to 1.**

Lounsbury/Boudreau moved to approve Warrant Article 16 as written.

Discussion: Mrs. Giovannucci explained the fund. Mr. Waldron asked where the \$30,000 came from. Mr. Crowley said we did a CIP plan for the next 10 years for cruisers and planned the amount needed to meet the needs. **Motion Passed 5 to 1.**

Randall/Lounsbury moved to approve Warrant Article 17 as written.

Discussion: Mr. Crowley stated that these are monies that were never raised to spend at the max. Mr. Waldron asked if this was an unassigned fund balance from 2019. Mr. Crowley stated that they allocated over the years to make up the balance. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Next meeting will be Thursday January 30, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Committee members agreed to hold the public hearing on February 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes approved January 30, 2020