

NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2019

Present: George Corliss, Linda Luedke, Steve Randall, Kaitlin Lounsbury, Morris Boudreau, Kevin Waldron

The public hearing on the 2019 budget proposal was convened at 7:30pm

Committee members reviewed the 2019 budget proposal and obtained input from members of the public. Questions and comments pertained to merit pool increase, professional services increase, salaries, education, salt cost, and vehicle maintenance.

Committee members reviewed the proposed 2019 warrant articles and took input from members of the public. Questions and comments included:

ARTICLE 6: Conveying ownership of Island Park to the Town of Tilton
Committee members noted that Tilton has the same article to accept the Island.

ARTICLE 7: To raise and appropriate \$350,000 to the Road Reconstruction CR Fund
Committee members noted that the additional \$100,000 is from what we used to raise and appropriate to the Sandogardy Pond Fund

ARTICLE 8: To raise and appropriate \$636,000 to fund road and bridge reconstruction and repair projects
No comments or questions from the committee members or members of the public

ARTICLE 9: Discontinue the Sandogardy Pond Rd SAR CR Fund.
Committee member noted this is to close the fund since the project is just about done, and the money was expended in 2018.

ARTICLE 10: To establish a Cemetery Repair Fund and raise and appropriate \$5,000 into the fund.
Committee members explained there are many cemeteries around town that need repair, this is to build up the fund to do some of those repairs.

ARTICLE 11: To raise and appropriate \$75,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
No comments or questions from the committee members or members of the public

ARTICLE 12: To raise and appropriate \$50,000 to purchase and outfit a police cruiser.
No comments or questions from the committee members or members of the public

ARTICLE 13: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the Computer Replacement Fund
No comments or questions from the committee members or members of the public

ARTICLE 14: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,892 to purchase computer equipment.
Committee members noted that this money is to replace a server that supports the town departments, and is out dated.

ARTICLE 15: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to replenish the Facility Emergency Repair Fund
Committee members stated that these funds were used to repair the arch in 2018.

ARTICLE 16: General operating budget
No comments or questions from the committee members or members of the public

ARTICLE 17: Petition Article to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for voting verification.
Greg Hill spoke about the article, noting that he may be receiving donations to cover the cost and it may only cost about \$40.00 instead of \$800.00

Committee members closed public session.

Luedke / Lounsbury moved to recommend articles 6 through 16. **Motion passed**
Corliss / Luedke moved to not recommend article 17. 4-yes, 1-abstain **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm

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