

## **APPROVED**

### Budget Committee Meeting

March 5, 2019

Members Present: T Smith, G Rumph, B Stewart, and R Spaulding.

M Traister excused himself from attendance.

Also present: T Maher, D Frampton, P Cullen, S Tabbutt, D White, M Wooley, C McAllister, D McGuckin, J Lannon, T Golter, J Finn, A Schulte.

A quorum of the Budget Committee members being present, the Chairman commenced meeting at 5:00 pm. The quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved.

Revised budget sheets were distributed.

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with and ask questions to dept heads regarding their budgets. BC members were asked to submit questions ahead of the meeting for distribution to dept heads to assist their preparation for this meeting. No questions were submitted as requested. R Spaulding submitted a list of questions more related to the budget rather than to dept heads.

Dept heads were invited to speak on their budgets.

Police Dept: A brief discussion took place regarding details and detail work surrounding water project.

Fire Dept: T Maher and B Stewart reviewed the FD budget again in detail explaining the additional costs primarily revolve around staffing.

Public Works: Significant increase to Town Hall building line item is to address many deferred maintenance issues from decades of neglect to the structure.

Conservation: Rather than create a line for legal expense the budget was adjusted downward and the difference added to town legal line item.

The questions submitted in advance by D Spaulding were then addressed in detail.

The public was then invited to ask questions. One question relative to fire department staffing was addressed.

The School District meeting will take place next Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM at MHT

At the March 19<sup>th</sup> BC meeting the warrant articles will be discussed. Since Mr Stewart will not be in attendance either of the selectmen will be available to discuss the warrant articles, as requested.

Budget worksheets for the Water fund and Sewer Fund were reviewed. Some discussion took place regarding line items related to Capital Reserves. The Budget Committee was told that a detailed study of expected future expenses related to both funds is currently underway for use in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom F Smith, Chairman