

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
OCT 2, 2014

Members Present
Normand DeWolfe
Christine Cilley
David Ruell
David Toth
Fran Newton
Mardean Badger
Harold Lamos

Absent
Renee Liebert (excused)
Mark Scarano (excused)
Sandra Coleman

David Ruell called meeting to order at 5:45pm. Present and representing Water and Sewer Departments, Eli Badger and Alan Cilley.

The committee was enlightened with several new projects by both the Water and Sewer Departments, among new assets listed were new water meters to be installed on an as needed basis. These will be installed when replacement or new construction is scheduled, drastically saving on labor and installation fees.

Mr. Badger and Mr. Cilley discussed with the budget committee several new projects coming to town including eight manhole covers, to be replaced while sidewalks are being repaired. This reduces the town's labor burden and add value to the tax payer.

Also on the agenda, plan expansion on Thompson Street. This is tentative to a development breaking ground.

The budget committee discussed and reviewed possible future TAFT grants for upcoming projects. The projected revenue for 2015 will exceed budgeted expenses with a good "buffer" for adjustments in inflation and labor differential.

The budget committee voted on Jamie Lyford becoming a member of the committee, filling a vacancy until March 2015. Normand DeWolfe made a motion, this was seconded by Christine Cilley. Five members voted YES...

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Christine Cilley
David Ruell
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No members opposed. *David Toth and Fran Newton absent as their presence was required at CIP meeting

Mr. Lyford brings knowledge of grant writing as well as the perspective of a part time employee of the police department.

Next on the agenda was the Electric Dept represented by Lee Nichols. Mr. Nichols was pleased to express no yearly increase in rate charges to our residents. This is at a time when the three other carriers in our area (Liberty, Unitil, and the Co-op) will all increase between \$12.50 - \$60.00.

Notable points of the budget discussion included "New Billing Process" date of completion. This was brought to point by Mrs. Cilley and the monies to be saved at its completion compared to the .58 per bill currently spent. Date of completion of "New Billing Process" to be forthcoming.

The remainder of the budget appears on par with money allocated. The yearly postage shall be collected from the Water and Sewer Departments in the coming weeks. Possible "green energies" were discussed along with the benefits to town and rate payers. Mr. Nichols expressed interest in all and any possible advancements in this field on the horizon.

Normand DeWolfe made a motion to adjourn at 7:53pm, motion was seconded by Christine Cilley.

The next meeting of the budget committee shall be October 6th at 7pm at the AES cafeteria.

This is the scheduled selectboards meeting with a presentation by the CIP on the agenda.