

# ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

## DECEMBER 14, 2016

Members Present: Ruell, Lyford, Cilley, Hoerter, Lamos, Badger, Coleman, Downing

Members Excused: Stewart

Others Present: Anthony Randall, Charles Smith, Kathleen DeWolfe, Tejasinha Sivalingam, Steve Heath

The meeting was called to order around 6:30 p.m. in the School library.

Town Budget. The Committee continued to discuss and vote on the Town Budget. The motion and votes were as follows:

Police. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Badger, it was voted 6 to 0 to recommend \$561,932 for the Police Department. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 6-0-1 to recommend \$3230 for Police Detail Work.

Animal Control. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$1200 for Animal Control. (This amount included \$1000 for the NH Humane Society.)

Land Use Boards. A motion by Coleman, seconded by Downing, to recommend \$750 for Land Use PT Assistant failed on a 3-3-1 vote. A motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, to recommend \$3000 for Land Use PT Assistant failed on a 3-3-1 vote. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Ruell, it was voted 5 to 2 to recommend all the lines in Land Use Boards as presented by the Selectmen, with the exception of PT Assistant, FICA and Medicare. (The Committee will return to those lines at some future date.)

General Government Buildings. A motion by Hoerter, seconded by Cilley, to recommend \$550 for Safety Equipment failed on a 3 to 4 vote. A motion by Badger, seconded by Coleman, to recommend \$34,204 for the entire account failed on a 3 to 4 vote. A motion by Coleman, seconded by Downing, to recommend \$4100 for Electricity, \$4000 for Propane, \$250 for Water and \$10,000 for Repair/Replace/Upgrade failed on a 3 to 4 vote. On a motion by

Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 4 to 3 to recommend \$4800 for Electricity, \$4000 for Propane, \$250 for Water and \$10,000 for Repair/ Replace/ Upgrade. A motion by Downing, seconded by Hoerter, to recommend \$3000 for Office Supplies failed on a 3 to 4 vote. On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 4 to 3 to recommend \$28,104 for the entire General Government Buildings account.

Cemetery. On a motion by Lamos, seconded by Downing, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$300 for the Cemetery account.

Insurance. On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$140,248 for Insurance. (This figure included the revised amounts of \$49,681 for Property, Auto & Liability Insurance, and of \$28,083 for Workers Compensation.)

CIP. A motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, for \$50 for Training and \$50 for General Expense, for a total of \$100, failed on a vote of 3-3-1. On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, it was voted 4 to 3 to recommend \$125 for Training and \$125 for General Expense, for a total of \$250 for the entire CIP account.

Ambulance. On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$48,996 for Ambulance.

Fire Department. A motion was made by Coleman and seconded by Cilley for \$1350 for Detail Salary, but was then withdrawn. On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Badger, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$234,158 for the Fire Department Budget.

Reports. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of revising the budget sheets to include the latest expenditure reports.

Next Meeting. After some discussion, it was voted 7 to 0 to cancel the meeting scheduled for the following evening, December 15.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, to was voted to adjourn.

David Ruell, Chairman