

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 30, 2016

Members Present: Ruell, Cilley, Stewart, Coleman, Hoerter, Downing, Badger

Members Absent with Notice: Lyford, Lamos

Others Present: Charles Smith, Ann Barney, Susan MacLeod, Tejasinha Sivalingam

Town Budget. The Committee continued to discuss and vote on the Town Budget, with comments from Town Administrator Smith, Parks & Recreation Director Barney, Planning Board Chair MacLeod, and Sivalingam. The motions and votes were as follows:

Parks & Recreation. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend the Parks & Recreation general account as proposed by the Selectmen, with the exception of Building Expense, which is to be considered later. On a motion by Badger, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 5 to 2 to recommend \$11,903 for Campground. A motion was made by Coleman, seconded by Downing, to recommend \$2100 for Summer/Vacation Camp Bussing, but was withdrawn. On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 4 to 3 to recommend \$54,017 for Summer/Vacation Programs. On a motion by Badger, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 6 to 1 to recommend \$15,381 for After School Program. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$501 for Community.

Library. On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$62,812 for the Library. (This vote was based on the revised budget from the Library Trustees that included a larger raise for employees.)

Patriotic Purposes. On a motion by Downing, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$11,689 for Patriotic Purposes. (This vote included \$1000 for the Heritage Commission.)

Conservation Commission. A motion was made by Downing, seconded by Hoerter, to recommend \$1000 for Conservation Commission. But, it was then voted 7 to 0 to table Conservation Commission, on a motion by Coleman, seconded by Hoerter.

Debt Service and Interest. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$124,330 for Debt Service Principal. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$63,997 for Debt Service Interest. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$1 for Interest TAN.

Land Use Boards. On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Coleman, it was voted 4 to 2, with 1 abstention, to recommend \$2000 for PT Assistant. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$1 for FICA and \$1 for Medicare.

Other issues discussed were agendas for and public input at Budget Committee meetings.

Meeting. The consensus was to meet, if needed, at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 6.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Ruell, it was voted to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

David Ruell, Chairman