FY2022 DANVILLE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of our December 21, 2021, meeting

Vice Chairperson Jeff Steenson called this meeting of the FY2022 Danville Budget Committee to order at 7:34 PM, with the following members present:

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| Tom Billbrough | Present | Ed Lang | Excused |
| Rob Collins \* | Excused | Sue Overstreet | Present |
| Sheila Johannesen \*\*\* | Present | Jeff Steenson \*\* | Present |

\* Chairperson

\*\* Vice Chairperson

\*\*\* BOS Representative

The first subject of discussion was a review of the Library Budget (account # 4550). We had requested the Library Trustee’s review the salary recommendations prepared by Dottie Billbrough (member, Board of Selectmen) and come back before us if they wanted to make changed to the library budget that we had previously approved. Tom Billbrough Jr. (Assistant Library Director) and Judy Jervis (Library Trustee) were present, with Tom presenting the Trustee’s recommendations.

At the conclusion of our discussion, Sheila made a motion to accept the proposed budget in the amount of $290,186. Sue seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Tom (Sr) abstaining.

Tom Jr. then handed out copies of the FY2022 proposed Library Warrants, which the BudCom will be discussing at a future meeting.

Next we reviewed the proposed FY2022 Police budget (accounts 4210.10 & 4210.60). Chief Parsons and Lt. Merced were present to answer any questions. There were no immediate questions relative to the budget when Chief Parsons was done presenting. Tom then questioned why the Police Department was unwilling to allow the Animal Control Officer access to the PD server so that she could type up her reports and have them maintained on the same server. This led to a lengthy discussion regarding on the reasons why the PD did not feel the ACO should have access, none of which seemed to be insurmountable including the fact that the Lt. appeared to be stating that she was too busy to assist. Part way through the discussion Tom made a motion to fund the FY2022 PD budget in the amount of $622,639 a reduction of $15,000 to budget line pd-740 (equipment) with the intent of allocating these funds to the ACO budget for purchase of a copy of the database. The motion was seconded by Sue, and discussion continued. During the discussion it was brought to light that the database in question is expected to reach end-of-life and would be relaced at the end of FY2022, thereby making the discussion irrelevant. Tom then withdrew his motion, as did Sue, at which time Tom made a motion to fund the FY2022 budget in the requested amount of $626,639. (Tom had noted discrepancies between the “personnel” expense as presented in the budget as compared to his calculation and stated that since those expenses are based on salary monies, he would meet the Town’s Finance Director for clarification after January 1, 2022). Sue seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Billbrough

Chairperson