

DANVILLE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of our December 28, 2016 meeting

Vice-chairman, Jeff Steenson called this organizational meeting of the FY2017 Danville Budget Committee to order at 6:33 PM, with the following members present:

Kathy Beattie	Present	Shawn O'Neil ***	Present
Tom Billbrough *	Excused	Ann Powers	Present
Tara Burkhart	Excused	John Russo	Present
Kim Burnham	Present	Jeff Steenson **	Present
George Manos	Present	Roger Whitehouse	7:30

*Chairperson

** Vice Chairperson

***BOS Representative

There were no minutes available from the December 20 ,2016 Bud Comm meeting to approve. They will be dealt with at our meeting on January 10, 2017.

Chris Tracy was present to discuss the Town Clerk Budget (account 4140.10). Chris explained they have budgeted for an additional part time Deputy Town Clerk Salary of \$9293 to help cover the time Chris will be absent for a medical leave, to cover vacations, and additional overall work happening in the Town Clerk's office. Also, the current deputy's hours cannot be expanded beyond what she is already working. Shawn made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget in the amount of \$83,949. John seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (7-0)

Chris then presented the Welfare Budget (account 4441.10). There was also an increase of a little more than \$3,000 for salary for Chris in this budget to help offset the fact she is managing the Giving Tree program that used to be handled by TD Bank. John made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget at the \$7192 approved by the BOS. Kim seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Next, Chris presented the Direct Assistance budget (account 4442.10). This budget decreased \$4500 vs 2016 due mainly to lower requests last year for Rent/Mortgage assistance and lower requests for fuel assistance. George made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget at the \$27,700 approved by the BOS. John seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Chris lastly presented the Vendor Payments budget (account 4445.20) The budget was \$50 less than 2016 and after a quick discussion Shawn made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget at the \$31,632 approved by the BOS. George seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Patti Shogren then presented the Selectmen's budget (account 4130.10). Jeff asked why the Salary for the Selectman's administrators went up by 17.8%. Patti and Shawn explained that a corrective action was taken by the BOS after doing an evaluation of this departments pay relative to other towns and the extra duties that are now being performed by the administrators. No specific detail of the evaluation was offered or presented, however a reference was made to the October BOS meeting in which this was discussed. There were decreases in other parts of this budget that brought the overall increase for 2017 down to 8.2% vs. 2016. After minimal additional discussion, George made a motion to accept the FY2017 Budget at the \$157,821, the amount approved by the BOS. John seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (8-0 as Roger was present for this budget).

Patti presented the Legal Budget (account 4153.10). Jeff expressed his concern that this budget seems very high compared to other surrounding towns and asked if there are enough legal issues continuing within the town to justify a budget this high. Patti and Shawn mentioned that they felt all of last years \$65,900 would likely be spent and that there are at least 3 issues open/pending that may incur high legal costs and suggested keeping the budget at \$65,900. Jeff suggested the idea of a budget amount closer to \$50k and after a short discussion Shawn made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget at \$65,900 approved by the BOS. Kim seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-1 (Jeff being the 1 opposed).ⁱ

Patti then presented Personnel budget (account 4155.90). Shawn made a motion to approve the \$318,134 approved by the BOS. George seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Patti next presented the General Government Buildings budget (account 4194.10). Outside of other small increases the budget was raised an additional \$5,000 to cover the cost of a new generator for the Safety Complex. Shawn made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget at the \$68,993 approved by the BOS. Roger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Community Center budget (account 4194.20) was presented by Patti next. After a short discussion about what maintenance and repairs were scheduled for this year, Shawn made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget in the amount of \$23,120. George seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Patti next presented the Information Technology budget (account 4150.60). After a short discussion, Shawn made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget in the amount of \$40,538, same as approve by BOS. Kathy Seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Sheila Johannesen then presented the Animal Control budget (account 4210.20). Sheila felt that the Stipend line should be increased based on an average rate per call discussed last year of \$16.50/call with an expected call volume of roughly 320 calls. The quantity of actual calls for 2016 was heavily disputed by Shawn. Shawn made a motion to accept the budget at \$5675 that was approved by the BOS. There was no second. George then made a motion to approve the budget at \$6,681. Ann Seconded but the motion was voted down by a vote of 3 for (Jeff, George, Ann) and 5 against (Shawn, John, Roger, Kim, Kathy). It was mentioned that there was no COLA added to the stipend line for this budget. Shawn then made a motion to accept the FY2017 budget at \$5,722 which adds the 1.1% COLA. George seconded and the vote passed 5 for (Shawn, John, Roger, Kim, Kathy) and 3 against (Jeff, George, Ann).

Shawn then presented Warrant Article 2017-13 with the corrected title of, Purchase of New Fire Department Rescue/Pumper Vehicle which the Bud Comm approved unanimously (8-0).

We set our public hearing on the budget for January 17, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Town Hall. Shawn will make arrangements to have this posted at the Post Office, Library, and 1 newspaper.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:30PM in the Town Hall. We will discuss the Revenue Budget and any other Warrants that may have come in.

With nothing else to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Steenson
Vice-Chairperson

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