

FY2019 DANVILLE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of our October 30, 2018 meeting

BudCom Chairman Jeff Steenson called this meeting of the FY2019 Danville Budget Committee to order at 7:30PM, with the following members present:

Kathy Beattie	Present	George Manos	Present
Tom Billbrough **	Present	John Russo	Resigned
Tara Burkhart	Excused	Jeff Steenson *	Present
Dave Knight ***	Present	Brenda Whitehouse	Excused
Ed Lang	Present	Vacant	

* Chairperson
** Vice Chairperson
*** BOS Representative

Our first order of business was approving the minutes of our meeting from October 16th. Dave made a motion to change the word “absolve” to “dissolve” at the end of paragraph 1. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with this word amended, Dave seconded and the minutes were approved as amended. Jeff then informed the board of John Russo’s resignation from the board citing other commitments that will keep him from participating. We thank John for his time volunteered to this board.

We then reviewed the following FY2019 Budgets that were approved by the BoS. After a brief discussion of each, all of the following budgets were approved unanimously at the BoS proposed amounts except 4199.10 (Heritage) and 4611.10 (conservation) which had \$1 placeholder lines reduced to zero as this placeholdering is not necessary. Please note person making motion and second of that motion in last 2 columns.

Account	Proposed 2019 Dept. Budget	Proposed 2019 BoS Budget	Proposed 2019 BudCom Budget	1st	2nd
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc, total	\$3,833.00	\$3,833.00	\$3,833.00	Tom	Ed
4191.30 Zoning Appeals, total	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$775.00	George	Tom
4589.10 Recreation, total	\$16,400.00	\$16,400.00	\$16,400.00	Tom	ED
4199.10 Heritage Commission, total	\$2,127.00	\$2,127.00	\$2,126.00	Tom	Kathy
4241.20 Building Inspection, total	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	Tom	George
4290.40 Forest Fire Control, total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tom	George
4611.10 Conservation Com, total	\$5,042.00	\$5,042.00	\$5,041.00	Tom	George
4611.20 Milfoil Total	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	Tom	George

The following budgets were approved by the committee at amounts different than the BoS approved.

Account	Proposed 2019 Dept. Budget	Proposed 2019 BoS Budget	Proposed 2019 BudCom Budget	1st	2nd	Vote
4150.50 Treasury, total	\$10,925.00	\$10,925.00	\$10,725.00	Tom	George	6-0
4583.10 Patriotic Purposes, total	\$4,533.00	\$4,533.00	\$4,500.00	Tom	George	4-2 pass
4191.10 Planning Board, total	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,100.00	Tom	George	5-1 pass
4619.9 Town Forest Maint. Total	\$1,110	\$1,110	\$1,000	Tom	George	4-2 pass

4150.50 (Treasury) Bank fees were reduced from \$500 to \$350 and office supplies reduced from \$100 to \$50 to reflect the amounts actually expended in recent years.

4583.10 (Patriotic Purposes) Supply line was reduced by \$33 to make an even \$4500 for flag replacements.

4191.10 (Planning board) Dues and Subscriptions was reduced to \$0 as there was a question as to whether we are still getting books or periodicals and there were no notes to confirm in the proposed budget or the BoS budget. This can be re-considered if additional information is obtained. Seminars was upped to \$300 from \$200 to better cover the cost of 2 seminars.

4619.90 (Town Forest Maintenance) Tom proposed lowering the Special projects line from \$300 to \$190 and if additional information was presented then this line can be re-considered.

We did have a conversation about how the budget amount of \$15,000 was arrived at for 4611.20 (Milfoil). In summary it is an educated estimate to try to treat enough of Long Pond to stay ahead of the growth of milfoil while trying to expend as little as possible, and understanding that the State provides less each year as it needs to provide monies for more and more bodies of water that also have this problem.

We then resumed our discussion of the BoS warrant article to dissolve the budget committee. George would like to see the board create a public statement in opposition to this warrant. The board discussed whether the committee can create a public statement? The board also questioned whether the Budget Committee can vote on a non-monetary warrant article. No one had an answer to either of these questions. Tom proposed an idea if the Budget committee can write a statement in addition to the explanatory statements that the BoS includes on the warrant mailings each year? Dave suggested we come before the BoS to propose this if this is something the committee agrees to do. Jeff said if the BudCom is going to present a statement in any context then someone has to write one and it would need to be voted upon by the Budcom for approval. George volunteered to write a potential statement. The committee will review this at a future meeting.

We agreed to meet again on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at 7:30PM at the Town Hall. We will discuss the Fire Department budget first and the Library second. We are asking the Fire Wards and the Library trustees to please attend to discuss their budgets. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeff Steenson
Chairperson