

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
BUDGET COMMITTEE
December 16, 2019
Minutes**

Members Present: John MacDonald, Chairman, Bob Tougher, Vice-Chairman, Paul O'Brien, Selectmen's Representative, Linda Murray, Selectman's Alternate Representative, Matt Plache, John Burt, Robert Loughman, Bob Moholland, Brian Black, Members.

Members Absent: Tom Bell, Steve Johnson, Members.

Staff Present: Jim Pineo, Town Manager, Troy Neff, Finance Director, Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM at the Great Hall.

The Committee participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENCIES

Meals on Wheels; \$7,500

Cheryl Dempsey reviewed the program.

Northern Human Services; \$7,449

No representative present.

Robert Loughman recommended eliminating the funding.

Jim Pineo stated a representative did not attend the 9/18/19 BOS meeting.

John MacDonald recommended contacting Eve Kloss and rescheduled Northern Human Services to attend the 12/30/19 Budget Committee meeting.

Senior Meals; \$25,000

Eileen Gil, Treasurer, reviewed the program; noting the funding pays for the food and chef to prepare the meals. She stated the program collaborates with the Parks and Recreation Department.

CASA; \$1,000

A representative from CASA reviewed the program; noting the funding request is level funded.

Carroll County Transit; \$4,000

John MacDonald read an email submitted by Brenda Gagne, Carroll County Transit; noting the representative is unable to attend this evening's meeting due to illness. He rescheduled Carroll County Transit to attend the 12/30/19 Budget Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Pineo distributed the draft warrant articles. Referencing his memo regarding health insurance calculations to the Budget Committee, dated 12/16/19, he stated while meeting with the health care provider the Town was advised the health insurance premium increase (8.4%) takes place in July 2020. He stated the calculation in the budgets were based on twelve months rather than 6 months. Therefore, he noted the following reductions;

General Fund	\$79,786
Water/Sewer	\$2,260
MED	\$23,986
Pop Whalen	\$1,447
Total	\$107,467

It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by Robert Loughman to decrease health insurance in the General Fund by \$79,786, Sewer/Water by \$2,260, MED by \$23,986 and Pop Whalen \$1,447; a total reduction of \$107,467. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Police Commission Non-Union Pay Increase

Steve Wood, Police Commissioner, stated the Police Commission voted to approve a 2% wage increase to nonunion employees.

FINAL BUDGET REVIEW

John Burt stated what the Committee has received is unsatisfactory and requested that all changes to the individual budgets are shown line by line.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Tougher to table final review of the 2020 Budget.

Discussion of the motion:

Brian Black stated he wants the Committee to be clear why the review is being tabled and to identify which budget lines are to be provided.

Matt Plache questioned what other changes have been made that have not been discussed.

Jim Pineo replied the up/down informational sheet.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Tougher to table final review of the 2020 Budget. Roll call vote: Bob Tougher – yes, Robert Loughman – no, Matt Plache – no, Bob Moholland – yes, John Burt – yes, John MacDonald – no, Brian Black – no. The motion failed (3-4).

Brian Black asked what information the Committee is looking to review.

He stated there is no way to compare the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

Robert Loughman requested detail of the changes that have been made.

Troy Neff distributed his laptop to the Committee members to review a spreadsheet that has already been prepared and asked if such would meet the request of the Committee.

The Committee agreed that the information would suffice.

Troy Neff stated he would email it to Staff to distribute.

It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob Tougher to table final review of the 2020 Budget to December 30, 2019 pending receipt of a detailed worksheet of the General Ledger accounts that have been changed and the depiction of all changes to each department budget. Roll call vote: Bob Tougher – yes, Robert Loughman – yes, Matt Plache – yes, Bob Moholland – yes, John Burt – yes, John MacDonald – yes, Brian Black – yes. The motion passed (7-0).

Consideration of Minutes

December 10, 2019

It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Matt Plache to approve the December 10, 2019 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

December 11, 2019

It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by Bob Moholland to approve the December 11, 2019 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

December 12, 2019

Correction: Page 1, Conservation Commission, 8th paragraph; amend to read as follows; “Brian Black stated he supports the decrease to \$5,500; noting the line is sufficiently funded to include the wage increase.”

It was moved by Robert Loughman and seconded by John Burt to approve the December 12, 2019 Budget Committee minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Moholland to adjourn the December 16, 2019 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.

Next meeting scheduled for December 30, 2019, 5:30 PM at the Great Hall; agenda to include final budget review, warrant articles and review of the following agencies; Carroll County Transit and Northern Human Services.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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