

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
APPROVED MINUTES  
November 10, 2022  
Wolfeboro Public Library**

**I. Call To Order**

*Chairman MacDonald opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.*

**Members Present:** John MacDonald, Chairman, Bob Tougher, Vice-Chairman, Bob Moholland, John Burt, Brian Black, Tom Bell, Members.

**Members Absent:** Matt Plache, Bob Loughman, Steve Johnson, Members (all excused), Brian Deshaies, BOS Representative, Linda Murray, BOS Alternate Representative.

**Staff Present:** Jim Pineo, Town Manager, Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director, Dean Rondeau, Mark Livie, Guy Maloney, Sherri Moore, Police Department, Steve Wood, Police Commission, Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Assistant.

Jim Pineo stated Brad Harriman is present for this evening's meeting.

**II. 2023 Budget**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Brian Black requested the history of part-time wages; noting the Town Manager reduced the line and the BOS increased the line.

Jim Pineo stated such was a Police Commission decision; noting the adjustment was brought forth following his review of the budget.

Steve Wood stated the original budget reflected \$45,000 for a Juvenile Services Officer position however, the Commission decided to remove that position from the budget. He stated that shortly thereafter there were discussions with the GWRSD Board regarding the need for a Student Resource Officer for the middle school. He stated the discussion also included a Student Resource Officer for the elementary schools however, the Board would not support such because the local elementary schools do not serve the district. He stated the Commission forwarded an amended budget to include funding for a part-time School Resource Officer for the elementary schools (Carpenter School and Crescent Lake School). He stated the line reflects an overall reduction of \$10,000 and noted an additional reduction in overtime wages of \$5,000. He stated there will be a warrant article for a full time Student Resource Officer at the middle school; noting the school district will also be submitting their portion of the funding for the position in a warrant article.

Brian Black asked if there will be any future request to reinstitute the position.

Steve Wood replied no.

Referencing postage, John Burt questioned the funding request and whether the amount is necessary.

Sherri Moore reviewed such.

Dean Rondeau stated the amount of the funding request is necessary.

John Burt questioned the year-to-date expenditures for miscellaneous operating expenses.

Sherri Moore stated the expenses vary and the five-year average is \$589.

John MacDonald questioned the percentage increase of the Police budget.

Kathy Carpentier replied 2.5%.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

John MacDonald questioned the over expenditure of machinery and equipment by \$16,000.

Mark Livie stated the funds were encumbered from last year for the purchase of a recorder system.

Tom Bell questioned the dispatch console.

Kathy Carpentier stated the balance of the capital reserve fund for such is \$308,000.

Mark Livie stated it is their hope that the existing console does not fail prior to resolution of the Public Safety Building and installation of the new console.

John MacDonald questioned the percentage increase for the Communications budget.

Jim Pineo replied 6.5%.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

John MacDonald confirmed the percentage increase of the Animal Control budget is 3.4%.

### **III. Other Business**

Bob Tougher asked if the tax rate has been set and questioned the assessed value.

Kathy Carpentier stated the Town net valuation has increased by \$32 million and noted she would be reviewing the rate with the BOS next week.

### **IV. Public Comment**

None.

**It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Tom Bell to adjourn the November 10, 2022 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.**

*There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Hendrickson*

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