

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen  
Public Meeting Minutes  
Budget Meeting  
October 28, 2021**

**Members present:** Chairman Linda Murray, Vice Chairman Dave Senecal, Brad Harriman, Luke Freudenberg and Brian Deshaies.

**Staff present:** Town Manager James Pineo, Finance Director Kathryn Carpentier, Parks and Recreation Director Christine Collins, Fire Chief Thomas Zotti, Fire/Rescue Executive Assistant Cathy LaPierre and Recording Secretary Amy Capone Muccio.

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

**Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3**

Chairman stated that there is not a need for non-public session.

**Consideration of Minutes**

N/A

**Public Hearing(s)**

N/A

**Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person not to exceed 15 minutes)**

None

**Bulk Vote**

N/A

**Board/Committee Appointments**

N/A

**New Business**

***A. Discussion: Budget Hearing 2022***

**1. General Government**

***Agencies***

Chairman Murray stated the Board reviewed the requests in September and questioned if the Board had any concerns.

Ms. Carpentier noted there was a clerical error in the summary page for Dinner Bell, they requested \$6,000 but \$5,500 was what was presented in the summary on error that has been corrected.

Chairman Murray noted that all the request are repeats from the past, except White Horse Recovery, she questioned if the board wished to entertain their request.

Mr. Deshaies stated he was pleased with their presentation and they are doing a good thing, he felt they should keep the request. He noted that Tri-County CAP's should be clear that two lines are not combined into one.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to accept all the Agency Requests as presented to move forward to the Budget Committee. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

## **2. Fire Department-Revisit**

Chief Zotti stated they went back sharpened the pencil and reduced the overtime line.

Chairman Murray stated that it should be clear the reduction was made because of adding an extra person to reduce the overtime.

Chief Zotti stated they also made some reductions to both vehicle maintenance and machinery maintenance. One was due to the new truck that will be arriving and that reduces maintenance on the old truck and the other is due to recent information that the data logger at the PD will meet the requirements to store data so they were able to eliminate that need.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to reduce line 1-42200-140 overtime by \$16,953, line 1-42200-230 payroll taxes by \$245 and line 1-42200-230 retirement by \$5,593. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to reduce line 1-42200-430 vehicle maintenance by \$3,825. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brian Deshaies to reduce line 1-42200-433 machinery maintenance by \$1,350. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Mr. Pineo stated that Mr. Zotti has been Acting Fire Chief since April and performed outstanding during the pandemic. He stated he has shown considerable growth and leadership skills, is well respected by his peers and dedicated to the community. He has served the fire service for 31 and today is pleased to officially sign his contract at this meeting as Wolfeboro's Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director and Fire Warden. He stated there is a slight increase in supervisory salary for the Chief to \$105,000 and his work hours will go from 40 hours to 42 hours.

Chairman Murray congratulated him on his well-deserved promotion.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to change line 1-42200-113 salaries to \$176,500, line 1-42200-150 to \$1,710 and line 1-42200-230 to \$2,838. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

### 3. Fire Capital Outlay

Chief Zotti provided an updated Capital Outlay reducing that request from \$48,000 to \$35,000.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to reduce line the Capital Outlay request for Fire Ladder 1 to \$35,000. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

### 4. Libby Museum

Mr. Pineo stated the chamber of commerce subscription can be removed and he supports the increase to the supervisor's salary as recommended by Ms. Lennon.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to increase lines 1-45891-113 to \$1,018 and line 1-45891-220 to \$78. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to reduce line 1-45891-582 advertising by \$100 removing the chamber membership. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

### 5. Parks & Recreation Revisit

Ms. Carpentier stated the revenues will be included when the budget moves to the Budget Committee.

Christine Collins addressed the Board and summarized the research on suggestions for the new pick up of a lease, electric vehicle etc. The town does not qualify for the rebate for the purchase of an electric vehicle.

Mr. Pineo noted that electric vehicles are not ideal as our mechanic is not trained to repair these vehicles and will need to look at getting them trained for this.

### 6. Other Revisits

Mr. Pineo stated that he is recommending withdrawing the request of \$30,000 for the sludge disposal in Capital Outlay as Mr. Ford received very attractive contract to do it this year for less than half that cost.

**It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to withdraw the request for \$30,000 for the Alum Sludge Disposal in Capital Outlay. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

### 7. Libby Trustees Meeting

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move to Libby Board of Trustees Meeting. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Chairman Murray stated the Board has the MOU to review.

Mr. Harriman stated he has a discussion with Ms. Albee and it seems the Friends of the Libby would be agreeable to a 70/30 split and agreeable to allowing the town to put the town's portion in at the end as to not put the burden on the taxpayer.

Mr. Freudenberg questioned if they bond a project out 10 years, than the town is defiantly going to own the museum that 10 years.

Mr. Pineo stated he could get a legal opinion on that.

Chairman Murray stated a reasonable cost to take over that museum as discuss with the director of the Charitable Trusts of NH was about \$6 million dollars. She thinks 10 years would be a reasonable amount of time for the Friends to be able to take over the museum.

Mr. Deshaies stated they would need to present a significant plan to do that, we need an end game.

Mr. Harriman replied that the strategic plan will identify the time frame and goals to where the Friends plan to be.

Chairman Murray stated at this point they need to take a step to move forward.

Mr. Deshaies suggested removing annex 1 from the document, once the Friends raise \$2 million dollars, the Trustees of the Libby can put forth a Warrant Article.

Chairman Murray stated a 70/30 split is a great deal for the taxpayer and bonding is the best way to do this project. She feels it is important to build that relationship.

The Board discussed the changes to the MOU and decided to move back to the original draft and Mr. Harriman made suggested revisions. He will work with the Town Manager to present a revised draft.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brian Deshaies to move out a of a Libby Trustees meeting. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

The Board announced that a revised MOU with the Friends of the Libby Museum would be reviewed at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

## **8. BOS Budget Review schedule**

Ms. Carpentier stated at this point the Board has completed the budget review and she will make the updated revision changes for the Board to vote on at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. She stated the Board has a budget meeting scheduled for Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brian Deshaies to cancel the November 1, 2021 Budget Meeting. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

## **Committee Reports**

None

## **Town Manager's Report**

None

## Questions from the Press

None

## Public Input (Limited to 3 minutes per resident and not to exceed 15 minutes in total)

None

Being no other business before the Board, Chairman Murray entertained a motion to adjourn.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brian Deshaies to adjourn at 7:06 PM. Roll call vote; Brian Deshaies-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, Dave Senecal-yes, and Luke Freudenberg-yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Amy Capone Muccio*

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