

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
George B. White Building
8 Raymond Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037

November 23, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:02 PM

Roll Call: In Attendance: Bonnie Beaubien, Phil Bilodeau, Joshua Cresswell, Zach Langlois, Jocelyn Messier, Maureen Quinn, Alden Dill, Terry Roy, Kevin Verville, JoAnne Bradbury, Bill Von Hassel

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Correction for last meeting's minutes noted - Ms. Bradbury was present for that meeting. Motion to accept minutes with change to attendance made by Mr. Bilodeau, seconded by Ms. Beaubien. Vote to accept minutes as written with change made to attendance was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion passed.

Old Business: Joanna Waring, Trustee of Trust Funds, was present to answer questions about how much income the trust funds generate. Ms. Waring explained the trust funds and the different kinds of income and percentages of income and the fees charged by Cambridge Trust. Motion was made by Mr. Verville to move the Executive Budget in the amount of \$17,501.00, seconded by Mr. Roy. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

New Business:

Emergency Management: **\$7,093.00**
Motion by Mr. Verville to approve, seconded by Mr. Bilodeau. Vote to approve was unanimous. Motion passed.

Health Agencies: **\$38,816.00**
Motion by Ms. Beaubien to approve, seconded by Mr. Bilodeau. Mr. Verville had questions about the annual employee physical line. Motion by Mr. Langlois to increase the line for annual employee physicals by \$18,000, bringing the new line total to \$23,280.00, and bringing the bottom line total to \$52,316.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dill. Vote on amendment was unanimous. Motion passed.
Vote on motion to approve budget was also unanimous. Motion passed.

Social Service Agencies: **\$29,036.00**
Motion by Mr. Verville to approve, seconded by Ms. Messier. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Welfare Department: \$71,552.00

Motion by Ms. Beaubien to approve, seconded by Ms. Bradbury. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Water Holes: \$ 6,503.00

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bilodeau, seconded by Mr. Verville. Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Fire/Rescue: \$326,904.00

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bilodeau, seconded by Mr. Cresswell.

Mr. Langlois made a motion to remove \$1.00 from the postage line and add \$1.00 to the full time firefighter line. This would change the postage line to \$200, no change to the bottom line of the Fire/Rescue budget. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dill. Mr. Langlois explained that his goal in making this adjustment is to allow the Chief the flexibility to hire a full time firefighter if the need arises. Mr. Verville said it is his opinion that this will cause the budget to fail. Vote on amendment was Yay - 6, Nay - 4, Abstain - 0. Motion passed, no change to bottom line. Mr. Langlois made another motion to remove \$3.00 from the postage line, changing the postage line to \$197.00, and to add \$1.00 each to open the Over Time, Special Duty Stipends, and Retirement lines. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dill. Vote on amendment was Yay - 5, Nay - 6, Abstain - 0. Motion failed.

Vote on motion to approve Fire/Rescue budget was Yay - 9, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion passed.

Building Inspection: \$ 64,494.00

Motion made by Mr. Langlois to approve, seconded by Ms. Quinn. Vote was Yay - 9, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion passed.

Sanitation: \$ 80,943.00

Motion by Mr. Dill to approve, seconded by Mr. Langlois. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Solid Waste Collection: \$ 42,625.00

Motion by Mr. Langlois to approve, seconded by Mr. Dill. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Solid Waste Disposal: \$292,900.00

Motion by Mr. Dill to approve, seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Von Hassel suggested that the selectboard look into trash pickup, perhaps a longer term contract would save the town money, or at least be predictable increases. Mr. Dill made a motion to move \$1.00 from the electronics line to the waste oil disposal line, seconded by Ms. Messier. Vote on amendment was unanimous. Motion passed. Vote on motion to approve was

also unanimous. Motion approved.

Mr. Von Hassel went over agenda for the next meeting and asked members to consider whether they would like to reschedule or cancel the work session meeting that is scheduled for Saturday, 12/4, as neither he nor Ms. Bradbury are able to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Langlois.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 8:01.

These minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by
Tina St. Peter, Recording Secretary
Pending approval by the Municipal Budget Committee

