TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

George B. White Building 8 Raymond Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037

November 17, 2022 **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Bonnie Beaubien, Phil Bilodeau, Will Huebner, Zach Langlois (arrived 6:28 PM), Jocelyn Messier, Maureen Quinn, Terry Roy, Kevin Verville, Jenifer Lee, Bill Von Hassel,
Absent (excused) - Joshua Cresswell

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Roy to approve the minutes of the 11/10/22 meeting as written, seconded by Ms. Quinn. Vote was Yay - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion passed.

Budget Presentation:

Mr. Von Hassel made a motion to recommend approval of the Town Clerk budget in the amount of \$148,924.00. Motion was seconded by Ms. Quinn. Kelly Roberts gave highlights and answered questions from the committee members. Vote was Yay - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Langlois arrived at 6:28 PM.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Election Expenses budget in the amount of \$10,583.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Verville. Ms. Roberts answered questions from the committee members. Vote was Yay - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Information Technology budget in the amount of \$72,963.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Steve Jamele explained changes to the budget and answered questions from the committee members. Vote was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Government Buildings budget in the amount of \$126,536.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Ray Ellis answered questions from the committee members. Mr. Langlois made a motion to increase the part time employee salary line to \$45,693.00 to reflect Mr. Ellis' actual pay rate, seconded by Ms. Quinn. Vote on motion to amend was Yay - 8, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion passed, increasing overall budget for Government Buildings to \$131,528.00. Vote on motion to recommend the new amended amount was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the George B. White Building budget in the amount of \$111,018.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Ellis gave highlights of the budget and answered questions from the committee members. Vote was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Town Hall budget in the amount of \$38,767.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Ellis answered questions from the committee members. Discussion about whether or not the Board of Selectmen would be closing the Town Hall for the winter or not prompted Mr. Verville to make a motion to table this budget until closer to the end of budget deliberations or until the BOS makes a decision so that the amount can be changed if necessary, based on the BOS' decision. Motion to table was seconded by Mr. Roy. Vote was Yay - 8, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion passed, budget tabled until a later date.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Police Department budget in the amount of \$932,210.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Chief Duquette answered questions from the committee members. Vote was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Animal Control budget in the amount of \$8,702.00. Mr. Langlois seconded the motion. Chief Duquette answered questions from the committee members. Mr. Langlois made a motion to increase line #399 to \$1.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Quinn. Vote was Yay - 4, Nay - 5, Abstain - 1. Motion failed. Vote on the motion to recommend approval of the budget was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$8,139.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Huebner answered questions from committee members. Vote was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Emergency Agencies Health & Social budget in the amount of \$38,816.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Doreen Schibbelhute answered questions from committee members. Mr. Langlois made a motion to increase line 810 to \$40,000, seconded by Ms. Messier. Vote was Yay - 4, Nay - 5, Abstain - 1. Motion failed. Mr. Von Hassel then made a motion to increase the same line by \$10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Langlois. Vote was Yay - 5, Nay - 5, Abstain - 0. Motion failed. Vote on motion to recommend approval of the budget was Yay - 7, Nay - 2, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Park & Rec budget in the amount of \$99,804.00, seconded by Mr. Langlois. Eric Menard explained changes to the budget and answered questions from the committee members. Vote was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Citizens Comments: None

Mr. Langlois gave a brief update on the school budget progress.

The next MBC meeting will be held on 11/29/2022.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Langlois, seconded by Mr. Verville. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 8:14 PM.