

Hill Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2020

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Present: Tom Seymour, (Selectperson), Bill Wilson (Chairperson), Joann Irving, Lee Herterich, Carol Asher (School Board), Paul Meyerhoefer (Secretary)

Absent: Paula McDonough, Don Meyer, Betty Hanks, Marshall Bennett

Departments: Parks and Rec. December Fortin Niki Mahoney Jillian Reise Steve Laroche
Karen Welch
Water Comm. Dave Hemeon

Public: None

Bill opened meeting at 7:04 p.m.

4332 Water Services	2020 \$ 138,000	2021 \$ 138,000
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Dave presented the water budget he stated their has been no increase for the past 3 years. Bill asked of any projects that are planned Dave said nothing but ongoing maintenance until 2025 at which time one of the bonds will be satisfied. Water tank relined 13 years ago the tank is inspected every 5yrs and the was last done 2 years ago Carol asked why town is involved with water budget Both Tom and Dave felt it had to do with state regulations Billing is currently done on a monthly basis due to requirements of the bond this is why they are unable to bill quarterly Dave answered question on how they handle unpaid bills He said they always try are always looking to work it out Lee asked about billing service done by town Dave said the services were reimbursed by water dept. with no monies coming from taxation. Currently payments on billing have been coming in.

4520 Parks and Rec.	2020 \$ 12,920	2021 \$ 15,079
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Rate increase in budget due to 4 year averaging of costs this would be the last of rate increases to make all participating having equal shares of cost for usage between member communities The cost of being a member in Tapply Thompson Community Center allows usage of all after school programs with the adult programs as well They also put on several events during the year such as the fishing derby and ice skating. Lee questioned the maintenance of town park He felt they should hire the work outside vendors and increase their budget to cover costs Parks and Rec felt that if someone had concerns they should have been contacted to answer questions they may have had. They also felt they worked to keep their budget to basic needs with the thoughts of keeping the taxes lower which benefit all in community They are always looking for volunteers and Lee mentioned he could help them by mailing out a flyers to the community Parks and Rec currently have agreement with Highway Dept. for mowing services Lighting has become important due to the fact that park areas have become hang-outs and lighting of these areas help keep them safe.

Review of Expense Report

Tom stated the budget is spent by needs versus wants Funds are available only after needs are met Some of the surprises were the loss of hours of police patrol due to department staff changes he would like to see a stronger police presents in town Tom also said it's hard for town to keep up with repairs due to budget concerns and the pressure higher taxes but on the town Some of the selectmen are looking into are possibility of upgrading boiler and windows at town office the town also needs to look in better software to manage town. Carol thought that grant monies may be available for historical buildings which could help in cost of projects Tom also mentioned the town is looking at funds that could be available for expanding high speed internet

Old Business

Bill talked on going to zoom for public hearing we would be able to allow 50 people in person Lee thought maybe the possibility of having a lottery for seating could work We will need further work on this.

Lee made motion to adjourn Carol 2nd motion vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Meyerhoefer