

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Budget Workshop Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. DiBitetto, D. St. Pierre, P. Rueppel, P. Loiselle, M. Ruel, P. Fitanides, G. Longfellow, D. Belanger, M. Jolin, A. Packard – Town Administrator.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to deliberative the Town budget, as presented, and decide on the warrant articles.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

G. Longfellow moved to approve \$109,475, as presented. Seconded by M. Ruel.

Vote: 7-in favor, 2-opposed. M. Jolin and P. Rueppel. **Motion carried.**

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:**

G. Longfellow moved to approve \$101,514, as presented. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

P. Loiselle stated he has an issue with the contract services line if the Council fails to hire an additional person. He would like to increase the contract services line by \$15,000. M. Ruel does support a part-time assessor on staff. She suggests the line for contracted services be increased by \$20,000, or the wages line be increased. M. DiBitetto suggested that the position be included in the budget and not be considered a warrant article since this is not a new item. P. Loiselle advised that the Assessing Department is running over-budget for the contract services line. P. Rueppel was concerned that if a part-time assessor were hired, it would quickly go to full time. Sandy Piper did speak with someone who was interested at \$55 per hour as a contracted service.

M. Jolin moved to hire a part-time assessor at \$26,115 per year, amending assessing wages 111 by an increase of \$26,115. Seconded by M. Ruel for a total budget of \$127,629.

M. DiBitetto felt that the Town could use a full-time employee. He felt that the Town needs to keep ahead of the assessing matters. Every decade you then have to catch up and spend a large amount of money. He would like to have the option of hiring a full-time assessor if needed. P. Loiselle advised that \$24,000 had been allocated for 2003/04 and it is over-budget. This does not include the monies budgeted for the revaluation. M. Ruel stated she would support a part-time assessor. M. Jolin advised that the Town would no longer be able to wait ten years for the next revaluation. The time frame will be mandated by the state. Sandy Piper had advised that a full revaluation would not be needed if the Town can stay within 10 percent. M. Jolin questioned this procedure. P. Fitanides inquired who would be in charge of hiring this person. M. DiBitetto stated it would be the Town Administrator. D. St. Pierre stated that Sandy Piper had advised the Council that if the tax rate were kept within ten percent, a full revaluation would not be needed. There was a discrepancy with the Board members on this issue.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y

M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	N

5-in favor, 4-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

G. Longfellow questioned the tax map maintenance line increase. He also noted that the mileage and education lines had no monies spent. There was a small amount spent in general operating expenses as well. P. Loiselle advised that some of these lines have been frozen.

P. Loiselle stated there are many issues in this department. He did not believe a part-time individual would be able to handle the work.

**Vote on the motion as amended:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	N

5-in favor, 4-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

M. Jolin moved to approve \$105,120, as presented. Seconded by G. Longfellow.

D. St. Pierre advised that the Code Enforcement Officer asked that the warrant article reflect the hourly change. This Town needs Ordinance enforcement. M. Ruel felt that the part-time Code Enforcement Officer should be included in a warrant article.

M. Ruel moved to amend the motion to include the part-time Code Enforcement Officer in a warrant article. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

A. Packard stated that he felt the position is critical. P. Fitanides asked what this part-time person would be doing. The intent of this position is for Ordinance enforcement.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

4-in favor, 5-opposed.

**Motion defeated.**

D. Belanger moved to amend the motion to add \$31,700 to the budget for a Code Enforcement Officer in the budget. Seconded by M. Jolin.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	N
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBitetto	N

2-favor, 7-opposed.

**Motion defeated.**

D. Belanger moved to reconsider the vote taken to include the part-time Code Enforcement Officer in a warrant article. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

**Vote to reconsider:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

5-favor, 4-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

Motion to add \$34,086 into a warrant article.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

5-in favor, 4-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

Vote on the motion as amended to approve the Building Department budget at \$105,120 and to send the additional Code Enforcement Officer to a Warrant Article.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

6-in favor, 3-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**TAX/TOWN CLERK:**

M. Ruel moved to approve the budget as presented in the amount of \$143,737, as presented. Seconded by P. Rueppel.

Overtime was increased and wages in the department were increased. P. Fitanides asked if there were monies for computer upgrading. Diane Savoie explained that the money is in a capital reserve account.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

8-in favor, 1-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**FAMILY SERVICES:**

G. Longfellow moved to approve this budget in the amount of \$147,401, as presented. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

P. Loiselle stated that Family Services derives a tremendous amount of revenue from other organizations.

G. Longfellow moved to reduce the Town welfare line by \$20,000. Seconded by M. Jolin.

A. Packard felt that the Board should not look at a line to see how much has been spent at one particular point in time and say that you can cut that line because the monies will not be needed for the entire year. P. Loiselle stated that this line was over-budget last year.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

6-in favor, 3-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**Vote on the amended motion:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y

P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitto	Y

8-in favor, 2-opposed. **Motion carried.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

P. Loiselle moved to approve the budget, as presented, in the amount of \$2,013,519. Seconded by D. St. Pierre.

M. Jolin moved to reduce the line item for new equipment, 713, by eliminating the additional thermo-camera. Reduce to \$4,287. Seconded by D. Belanger.

M. Jolin felt that there has been a tremendous amount of new equipment purchased lately. He felt other items were more important when the department already has two of these cameras.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	N
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBitto	Y (broke tie)

5-favor, 4-opposed. **Motion carried.**

G. Longfellow moved to reduce the budget by \$13,485. Seconded by M. Jolin.

- 314 – by \$2,500
- 315 – by \$4,000
- 316 – to \$1,500
- 419 – by \$500
- 431 – by \$700
- 444 – to \$2,135
- 529 – by \$2,150

\$1,987,434 new bottom line.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBitto	N (broke tie)

4-in favor, 5-opposed. **Motion defeated.**

M. DiBietto stated that this budget is attempting to give a better understanding of what the current manning situation is. Chairman DiBietto stated if both stations are manned with three men 24-hours per day, this is the amount needed, and he is convinced of this.

P. Loiselle moved that all cuts in the previous motion with the exception of the 419 - oxygen for \$500 be made in the amount of \$12,985. Seconded by D. St. Pierre.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBietto	N

8-in favor, 1-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

Revised budget is: \$1,987,934.

M. Ruel stated that decisions would need to be made if the Town is faced with a default budget.

**Vote on the budget as amended in the amount of \$1,987,934:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBietto	Y

7-in favor, 2-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

Growth Request for three floating firefighters. This would reduce the overtime line.

G. Longfellow moved to include the growth request for three floating firefighters, plus the associated costs, into a warrant article in the amount of \$165,060. Seconded by M. Ruel.

D. St. Pierre felt that the warrant should explain that these new hires would lower the overtime line by \$79,130. M. DiBietto stated that he felt it was costing the Town more money to hire the three floaters. He felt the money should be spent on the overtime.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBietto	N

3-in favor, 6-opposed.

**Motion defeated.**

M. Jolin moved to put the ten call firefighters request of \$59,680 into a warrant article. Seconded by P. Rueppel.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	N
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	N

5-in favor, 4-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

P. Loiselle stated that the hours that call firefighters are needed they are not available.

P. Loiselle moved to include one permanent floating firefighter at \$55,020 into the budget. Seconded by P. Fitanides.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	N

6-in favor, 3-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**FOREST FIRE:**

P. Rueppel moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$14,030, as presented. Seconded by P. Loiselle

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**SOLID WASTE:**

M. Ruel moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$859,318, as presented. Seconded by G. Longfellow.

M. Ruel stated that the additional part-time hours are a necessity due to the volume received at the Transfer Station. D. St. Pierre asked what the Transfer Station is doing to be pro-active in recycling. Diane Boyce explained that they pass out flyers and there is recycling education in the schools. M. Ruel felt that these additional hours might relieve the staff so they are able to do more education in recycling.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

6-in favor, 3-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

M. Jolin moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$234,950, as presented. Seconded by D. St. Pierre.

G. Longfellow questioned the new equipment line. Diane Savoie explained that items would be purchased in the spring.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

G. Longfellow moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$158,500, as presented. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

G. Longfellow felt that Professional Services should not be included this time, since this is a tight year. M. Ruel explained that this was for performance zoning, which was eliminated this year. D. St. Pierre stated that the Planning Department needs the tools to make smart decisions on our growth. The Town Engineer could help us control growth in a smart way. Perhaps, this should be included in the budget.

M. Jolin moved to amend the budget to reduce line 424 by \$1,500, and reduce line item 713 by \$2,400. Seconded by G. Longfellow.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**



D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	N
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBietto	N

6-in favor, 3-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**Vote on the amended budget of \$154,600.**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBietto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Belanger moved to put on a warrant article the wages and all related expenses for the addition of a Town Engineer in the amount of \$91,822. Seconded by P. Rueppel.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBietto	Y

8-in favor, 1-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

P. Loiselle moved to include \$6,717 on a warrant article for a part-time clerical position. No second received.

M. Ruel moved to increase the operating budget by \$6,240 in the wage line, and reduce Professional Services by \$10,000 for a total budget amount of \$150,840. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	N
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBietto	Y

5-in favor, 4-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

P. Rueppel moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$\$34,205, as presented. Seconded by D. Belanger.

G. Longfellow stated that this department shares many issues with the Fire Department.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

7-in favor, 2-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

P. Loiselle moved, seconded by D. Belanger to approve the budget in the amount of \$5,439, as presented.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBitetto	Y

8-in favor, 1-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**TOWN BUILDINGS:**

P. Loiselle moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$350,655, as presented. Seconded by G. Longfellow.

P. Fitanides inquired who is responsible for overseeing this area. This budget falls under Administration.

M. Ruel questioned if the Town should invest \$10,000 into the municipal building if the departments may move to the Village School. D. St. Pierre stated that the municipal building is in poor condition. Monies are included for a new air conditioning unit for the second floor of the municipal building. The unit is now freezing up. Mary also questioned the costs for natural gas for the fire station.

M. Ruel moved to reduce line 711 by \$5,000 for the natural gas conversion, \$12,000 for the sprinkler system, \$5,000 for vents, and \$5,000 for vents for a total of \$27,000. Seconded by D. St. Pierre.

Diane Savoie stated that the Council would be accepting a grant at their next meeting. This will cover the cost of this item.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously.**

P. Fitanides asked if it were less expensive to hire a contracted service for maintenance of the buildings. Chief Williams contacted Delta Mechanical and found that the ductwork cleaning was not necessarily needed at this time.

M. Jolin moved to reduce this budget by \$22,000 for the cleaning of the ductwork. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Vote on the budget as amended in the amount of \$301,655:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CEMETERY COMMISSION:**

M. Jolin moved to approve this budget in the amount of \$2,041, as presented. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

At this time, the Board took a five-minute recess.

Meeting reconvened.

D. St. Pierre moved, seconded by G. Longfellow to extend the meeting beyond 9:30 p.m.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

9-in favor, 1-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

P. Loiselle moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$1,100,674, as presented. Seconded by G. Longfellow.

G. Longfellow stated that fleet maintenance has increased almost 30%. He suggested that this line be reduced. Fire vehicle maintenance is down over the last three months. He suggested that \$25,000 be removed from this line.

G. Longfellow moved to reduce fleet maintenance repairs by \$10,000. Seconded by P. Rueppel.

**Vote on the amendment:**

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	N
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBitetto	N (broke tie)

4-in favor, 5-opposed.

**Motion defeated.**

**Roll call vote on original motion:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

8-in favor, 1-opposed

D. St. Pierre moved to approve Capital Leases at \$159,700. . Seconded by M. Jolin.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CAPITAL Purchases:**

D. Belanger moved to put all capital request items into a warrant article and remove from Capital Purchases. Seconded by D. St. Pierre.

Vote: 6-in favor, 3-opposed (M. Jolin, P. Loiselle, M. Ruel.

**Motion carried.**

*Fire Staff Car (replacement)– \$23,000*

P. Loiselle moved to create a warrant article. Seconded by M. Ruel. Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. M. Jolin

**Motion carried.**

*6 Wheel Dump Truck with Plow (replacement) - \$90,000*

M. Ruel moved to create a warrant article, seconded by G. Longfellow. Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. M. Jolin.

**Motion carried.**

*¾ Ton Pick Up Truck with Plow (replacement) - \$25,000*

G. Longfellow moved to create a warrant article, seconded by M. Ruel. Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. M. Jolin.

**Motion carried.**

*Cab for Solid Waste Tractor (replacement) - \$85,000*

M. Ruel moved to create a warrant article, seconded by P. Loiselle.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*Aerial Photography - \$30,000 – Trust Fund*

P. Loiselle moved to create a warrant article, seconded by M. Ruel. Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. G. Longfellow.

**Motion carried.**

*Vacuum/Sweeper - \$151,200*

D. St. Pierre moved to create a warrant article, seconded by P. Loiselle.

G. Longfellow moved to amend the motion to create a five-year lease with 1<sup>st</sup> year payment approximately \$35,000. Seconded by P. Loiselle. Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. M. Jolin.

**Motion carried.**

**Vote on the motion as amended:**

8-in favor, 1-opposed. M. Jolin

**Motion carried.**

*Town Building Van for maintenance person- \$20,000*

D. Belanger moved to remove this item from the warrant. Seconded by G. Longfellow.

D. St. Pierre stated that when older vehicles are left in service, the costs of maintenance increases.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger Y

G. Longfellow Y

P. Fitanides	N	M. Ruel	N
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	N
		M. DiBitetto	Y

5-in favor, 4-opposed. **Motion carried.**

*Trust Fund Purchase Land for Proposed Parkway - \$150,000*

M. Ruel moved to create a warrant article, seconded by D. Belanger.

D. St. Pierre stated that he would like a footnote on the article stating that this is an allocation for an alternate to route 3 to reduce congestion/limit traffic through town.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*Trust Fund for Repairs of Town Building (Unanticipated Maintenance) - \$40,000*

P. Loiselle moved to create a warrant article, seconded by M. Ruel. Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed.

M. Jolin **Motion carried.**

*Acceptance of Old Village School Building and Land (describe in acres) - \$70,775*

D. St. Pierre moved to create a warrant article, seconded by G. Longfellow.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

**Motion carried unanimously..**

*Trust Fund for Access TV (purchase equipment) - \$40,000*

D. St. Pierre moved to create a warrant article, seconded by M. Ruel.

D. St. Pierre supported this amount if they use a live-feed.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	N	G. Longfellow	N
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	Y	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

7-in favor, 2-opposed. **Motion carried.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

P. Loiselle moved to approve the budget, as presented, in the amount of \$2,306,238. Seconded by P. Rueppel.

G. Longfellow questioned the photography, line 415; increase in telephone line; selection process; and training. The department is not fully staffed at this time.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBitetto	Y

8-in favor, 1-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET:**

G. Longfellow moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$430,240, as presented. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. M. Jolin **Motion carried.**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

D. St. Pierre moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$7,130, as presented. Seconded by G. Longfellow.

G. Longfellow questioned why they are requesting \$4,078 in wages when only \$800 has been expended thus far this year. Tim Johnson explained that they were not very busy this year. He would be willing to reduce the wages by \$1,000.

G. Longfellow moved to reduce the wage line by \$1,000. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

Vote: 7-in favor, 2-opposed. D. St. Pierre and P. Fitanides.

**Motion carried.**

Vote on the budget as amended.

Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. P. Fitanides.

**Motion carried.**

**LIBRARY:**

P. Rueppel moved to approve the budget in the amount of \$342,267, as presented. Seconded by M. Ruel.

Vote: 6-in favor, 3-opposed. D. St. Pierre, M. Jolin, P. Loiselle.

**Motion carried.**

**DEBT SERVICE:**

Diane Savoie advised that the principal needs to be reduced by \$2,885. The new number should be \$546,315. Interest should be reduced by \$7,842. Total interest would be \$136,399. \$682,714 is the total debt service. This does not include the tax anticipation amount.

G. Longfellow moved to approve \$682,715. Seconded by M. Jolin.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADMINISTRATION BUDGET**

Diane Savoie distributed information concerning a Purchasing Agent. This position would be for 20 hours per week. The rate of pay is \$13.41 per hour.

D. St. Pierre moved to create a warrant article for a purchasing agent in the amount of \$15,013. Seconded by M. Ruel.

**Motion carried.**

G. Longfellow moved to approve the Administration budget with the following amendments. Seconded by M. Ruel.

\$1,750 for Town Council newsletter (252).  
\$400 for printing (251)  
Attorney deduct \$10,000 (821)  
Hooksettites add \$2,500 (919)  
Employee Appreciation add \$1,000 (922)  
Heritage Commission add \$500

P. Fitanides asked for a breakdown on the attorney fees. M. Ruel will provide this to the Board at their next meeting.

P. Rueppel asked that \$500 be added back into the Heritage Commission line. D. Savoie advised that whatever monies are left over in this line goes into a Heritage Commission fund.

Diane Savoie highlighted the following increases due to positions added in other department budgets, with benefit adjustments made to the Administration budget:

Workmen's comp \$1,517  
Social security \$3,285  
Medicare \$768  
Health Insurance \$13,434  
Life Insurance Disability \$749  
NH Retirement \$1,400  
Dental \$594

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET: \$2,892,694

**Roll call vote:**



D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	N	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBietto	Y

7-in favor, 2-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

M. Ruel moved to create a warrant article in the amount of \$54,294 for a 2% COLA and 2% merit step for non-union personnel. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

**Roll call vote:**

D. Belanger	Y	G. Longfellow	Y
P. Fitanides	Y	M. Ruel	Y
M. Jolin	N	P. Rueppel	Y
P. Loiselle	Y	D. St. Pierre	Y
		M. DiBietto	N

7-in favor, 2-opposed.

**Motion carried.**

**Parks and Rec HYAA**

D. St. Pierre moved to release \$50,000 from the Parks and Rec fund to HYAA for reimbursement for lights for Peter's Brook. Seconded by D. Belanger.

Vote: 8-in favor, 1-opposed. M. Ruel. **Motion carried.**

**C.I.P.**

M. Jolin moved to approve \$388,388, each as a separate warrant, as recommended by the C.I.P. Committee. Seconded by D. St. Pierre.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman DiBietto adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jo Ann Duffy  
Acting Clerk

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Mary A. Ruel  
Secretary