

Town of Lee, NH  
Advisory Budget Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting on December 3, 2014

Advisory Budget Committee (ABC) Members present: Cary Brown, Pat Barbour, Bill Henze, Scott Bugbee, and Alice MacKinnon

ABC Members not present: None

Others Present: None

1. Chair MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Committee discussed the budget presentation given on December 2, 2014 and reviewed the detail and summary budget worksheets provided by Mr. Bugbee.
3. The ABC discussed the updated CIP presentation. The Fire tanker is going to cost about \$501,000 and if we put \$110,000 in the trust fund we will almost have enough to fund it. With the earned interest there should be sufficient funds for the purchase in FY 2016. The Committee thought the EOC manager stipend should be paid to the manager assigned. Currently, the manager does not take/is not paid the stipend.
4. The ABC discussed the pavilion at Little River Park.
5. The 250<sup>th</sup> Committee requested \$20,000 to support the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration activities. The ABC would like to recommend reducing that request to \$10,000 in FY 2016 and \$10,000 in FY 2017 since the celebration will span both fiscal years.
6. The ABC discussed the request for \$18,000 to upgrade the video equipment. Since the viewership of the current system is extremely low and the other budgetary demands, the ABC will not recommend this expenditure at this time.
7. The request for a full time position to be shared between the Transfer Station and the Building Manager will not be recommended but an additional \$1,500 in each budget was added to provide additional funds to attract candidates with a higher wage.
8. The Pay in lieu of vacation line item was reduced to \$5,000 based on previous need and expenditures.
9. The hourly building inspector position was reduced by \$6,200 based on past expenditures and on-going need.

10. The ABC reduced the request from the Red Cross to \$500 based on what the Town has provided in previous years.
11. The Revaluation Trust fund was reduced to \$5,000. With another \$5,000 in FY 2017, the town should have sufficient fund in the trust fund to fund the revaluation when it is needed.
12. Member Bugbee moved to recommend an operating budget of \$3,664,765.11, an 2.12% increase over the current budget and an overall budget of \$4,834,073.91, a 12.47% increase over the current budget. Member Barber seconded. The ABC discussed the motion and voted 4-0 to approve the motion.
13. Member Bugbee will provide Chair MacKinnon with the appropriate documents for her presentation to Select Board on December 8, 2014 at 6:00pm.
14. Member Bugbee made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Barber. The ABC discussed the motion and voted 4-0 to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes written by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice MacKinnon, Chair

Minutes accepted by:

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Alice MacKinnon, Chair

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Pat Barbour

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Cary Brown

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Bill Henze

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Scott Bugbee