

New Durham Budget Committee Meeting
February 7, 2017
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NEW DURHAM BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
New Durham Town Hall
February 7, 2017, 7:00p.m.

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Present

Cathy Orlowicz, Chair
Terry Jarvis, Vice Chair (excused absence)
David Bickford, Selectman
Dave Shagoury
Dave Curry
Tony Bonanno (excused absence)
Ellen Phillips

Also Present

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator
Pat Grant Cople Crown Village District
Mrs. Myers, Resident
Gregory Anthes, Resident

Call to Order

Chair Cathy Orlowicz called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Agenda Review

Chair Orlowicz added discussion of the Cople Crown Village District Budget.

Cople Crown Village District 2017 Budget

The Cople Crown Village District 2017 budget prepared by the District commissioners' was distributed for review. Chair Orlowicz stated it has been reviewed and approved by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. The budget documents were reviewed and discussed. Pat Grant, of the Cople Crown Village District explained the budget amounts requested.

Mr. Shagoury made a motion to accept the appropriation for \$130,000 for the Cople Crown Village District Operating Budget 2017. Mr. Curry seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

Mr. Curry made a motion to accept the estimated revenue for the Cople Crown Village District Operating Budget 2017 in the amount of \$20,500. Mr. Shagoury seconded the motion.

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Approval of Minutes

Meeting of January 4, 2017 – Edits were made. **Mr. Bickford made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Curry seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Meeting of January 11, 2017 – Edits were made. **Mr. Bickford made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Shagoury seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Resulting Actions of Deliberative Session

Town Administrator Kinmond stated they are waiting for DRA to make their ruling regarding the legality of the amendment made to Article 5. He distributed a copy of the changes to the Warrant Articles, noting the estimated tax impact changes. Mr. Curry stated that if DRA declares it unallowable, he will want to see the RSA supporting that, otherwise what is the purpose of SB2. Mr. Bickford stated that the amendment jeopardizes the entire article. Chair Orlowicz stated they will be voting again on their recommendation of the Article 5, pending approval by DRA.

Mr. Curry made a motion to approve Article 5 as amended at the Deliberative Session, pending approval by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,000 to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Police Cruiser	\$12,500
Highway truck (amendment)	\$50,000
1772 Meeting House Restoration	\$10,000
Fire Truck	\$50,000
Highway Equipment	\$7,000
Solid Waste Facilities Equipment	\$5,000
Public Safety Facilities Improvements	\$5,000
Municipal Facility Land Acquisition	\$5,000
Fire Dept. Ancillary Equipment	\$5,000
Library Facilities	\$13,000
Smith Ballfield & Equipment	\$7,500
Road Reconstruction	\$50,000
Total	\$220,000.

Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. Discussion: Chair Orlowicz stated she doesn't believe they need to raise the money for the Highway Truck as there is sufficient funds in that account but there will be other funds that need funding. Mr. Bickford concurred. **Motion passed, 4-1-0.**

Penny Meyer, resident, asked where the funds are that are owed to the Police Chief Bernier. Mr. Bickford replied the Budget Committee isn't the appropriate party to ask but stated no further funds are owed to Mr. Bernier and all judgments have been satisfied.

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Ms. Meyer voiced concerns about the fact that young people don't have anything in NH to keep them here and lack of business support. Mr. Bickford replied they are very limited geographically with what we can do in NH.

Fourth Quarter Budget Review

Town Administrator Kinmond distributed a summary of account standings for the fourth quarter of 2016. He explained the details of the summary and it was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Curry asked for confirmation that the 2015 audit was resolved and the 2016 audit is being scheduled. Town Administrator Kinmond replied an RFP was recently put out for the 2016 audit. There was discussion about the audits.

First Quarter Budget Review Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 7:00p.m.

Chair Orlowicz thanked the Budget Committee members, Town Administrator Kinmond and all the support staff for their work and commitment to the committee. She also thanked Mr. Curry and Mr. Shagoury for their long years of service and commitment to the Town. Mr. Curry thanked Ms. Orlowicz for her service as chair of the Budget Committee this year.

Adjourn

Mr. Curry made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Shagoury seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary