

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
BUDGET COMMITTEE
January 20, 2015
Minutes**

Members Present: John MacDonald, Chairman, Frank Giebutowski, Vice-Chairman, Robert Moholland, Matt Krause, John Burt, Bob Tougher, Brian Black, Harold Parker, Members.

Members Absent: Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Steve Johnson, Member.

Staff Present: Dave Owen, Town Manager, Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman MacDonald opened the meeting at 6:02 PM at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

I. Discussion Item

A. Warrant Article A Operating Budget; \$24,911,037

Dave Owen stated the 2015 Operating Budget is \$24,911,037.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Moholland to recommend Warrant Article A Operating Budget in the amount of \$24,911,037.00.

Discussion of the motion:

John Burt discussed "shop rate"; noting such is the total cost of a job including staff hours and a certain value for the use of a piece of equipment. He stated it is easy to make blanket statements and expressed concern regarding projects that remain incomplete such as sidewalks. Referencing the VNA funding request, he stated the agency provided specific information last year when the Budget Committee challenged the agency with regard to the lack of information submitted. He stated this year the agency did not provide complete information. He stated Frank Giebutowski noted the agency's net worth has increased and yet the Committee didn't challenge the amount requested. He expressed concern regarding the donation of money to nonprofit organizations.

Frank Giebutowski stated agencies should provide justification for their request.

Bob Tougher stated he is suspicious of a nonprofit organization that doesn't want to provide their financial information.

Frank Giebutowski stated the Committee is not doing due diligence when it relates to its review of capital costs.

Referencing the funding request for the purchase of a street sweeper and catch basin cleaner, Brian Black stated the request calls to question the true cost related to that purchase. He stated data should be provided that supports and justifies the request in order to associate the true cost with the purchase.

Bob Moholland stated the maintenance of such a piece of equipment is cumbersome.

Matt Krause questioned the need for additional staff to operate such; noting labor costs were not presented.

Frank Giebutowski stated the Committee needs to be very rigorous in its review and owes it to the voters to examine the facts.

John MacDonald stated typically it is cheaper to farm out/contract services; noting the State does such for plowing and questioned whether such should be considered for the Town.

Bob Tougher stated a reliable contractor is necessary in order to do such.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Moholland to recommend Warrant Article A Operating Budget in the amount of \$24,911,037.00. John MacDonald, Frank Giebutowski, Bob Tougher, Harold Parker, Bob Moholland, Brian Black, Matt Krause voted in favor. John Burt abstained. The motion passed. 7-0-1.

II. Town Manager Report

Dave Owen distributed the MS-37 and requested signature of the Budget Committee members. He stated the BOS will be signing the Town Warrant on 1/21/15.

III. Other Business

**Consideration of Minutes
January 13, 2015**

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Harold Parker to approve the January 13, 2015 Budget Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**January 13, 2015 Public Hearing Minutes
Corrections:**

Page 1, Article B, 4th paragraph; insert "the Estate of" prior to "Paul", change "taxed" to "taxes"
Page 4, Article L, 1st paragraph & the motion; strike "J" and replace with "L"

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Bob Moholland to approve the January 13, 2015 Budget Committee Public Hearing minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

IV. Public Comment

None.

It was moved by Harold Parker and seconded by John Burt to adjourn the January 20, 2015 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Keathley
Lee Ann Keathley

*****Please note these minutes are subject to amendments and approval at a later date.*****