

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016**

Members present: Norm Langevin, Jan Wilkins, Kevin Chamberlain, Bob Schaumann, Sue Greenough, Cush Moore

Excused: Jack Belletete

Guests: Nick Handy (Monadnock Ledger)

Staff/Select Board: Don MacIsaac, Tom Rothermel, Town Manager Dave Caron, Administrative Assistant Judy Zola

Meeting opened: 6:04 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of Jan. 7, 2016 meeting reviewed. Chamberlain made a motion to accept minutes as read and noted requested changes by Langevin, seconded by Wilkins. Vote taken, all in favor.

Presentations made by the following department:

PRESENTATION FOR ALL DPW – RANDALL HEGLIN

CEMETERY - Budget is the same as last year. Landscaping contract is same as last year. A motion was made by Schaumann to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$ 24,438 seconded by Chamberlain. Vote was taken – all in favor.

HIGHWAY- There is a cut in heating oil. Building repairs have been cut with no significant repairs anticipated. Decrease in road salt also. Randy distributed a memo reflecting what services would be affected by cutting a position. Other departments benefit from the DPW's assistance. He noted that DPW has lost a few employees over the years who haven't been replaced. A motion to add \$1.00 to Line 491 was made by Schaumann and seconded by Greenough. Vote was taken – all in favor.

A motion was made by Schaumann to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$923,436 seconded by Wilkins. Vote was taken – all in favor.

BRIDGES – A motion was made by Chamberlain to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$ 2,501 seconded by Greenough . Vote was taken- all in favor.

STREET LIGHTING – The BudCom inquired about the Town's electric purchasing practices. The Town participates in a multi-community consortium and generally depending upon rates, purchases through a third party, although the Consortium will be purchasing power under Eversource's default rate for about four months. A motion was made by Wilkins to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$36,000 seconded by Chamberlain. Vote was taken- all in favor.

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PARKS & COMMONS – A motion was made by Greenough to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$ 28,245 seconded by Wilkins. Vote was taken – all in favor.

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION –Discussion regarding adopting a fee schedule for non-household trash was discussed. Town Manager will have a draft fee schedule to present to voters at town meeting. This will not have an effect on staffing at the transfer station. A motion was made by Chamberlain to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$ 329,358 seconded by Wilkins. Vote was taken, all in favor.

CAPITAL OUTLAY –Discussion regarding the advantages of renting vs. purchasing a chipper. Randy will be reviewing both options. The chipper was rebuilt after the ice storm. Road assessments have been done and an intern will be returning to re-assess the roads. Randy will be redefining the priority of road segments that need to be addressed and he will also bring a list of roads completed to the Public Session and will provide a final report to Selectmen. A motion was made by Schaumann to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$ 350,700 seconded by Chamberlain. Vote was taken – all in favor.

WATER FUND – There was a water line replacement in Michigan Road neighborhood that cost \$50,000. Meter replacement is on-going and Randy is splitting the cost with the Sewer Department. A motion was made by Chamberlain to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$978,030 seconded by Wilkins. Vote was taken – all in favor.

SEWER FUND – Contracted services has decreased. The plant has had an analysis completed to understand the limits of receiving wastewater. Smoke test done on Goodnow Street showed leaks and Main Street 6 inch line will need to be replaced with an 8 inch line. A motion was made by Chamberlain to tentatively accept the budget amount of \$ 2,029,784 seconded by Schaumann . Vote was taken – all in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 14, 2016 @ TOWN OFFICE.