

Town of Limerick Budget Committee

Compiled 12/26/17

Meeting Minutes: December 19th, 2017.

Meeting Called to order at 7 pm.

Members Present: Gil Harris, Howard Burnham, Steve McLean, Bill Jones, Ed Morgan, & Denise Benton.

Members Absent: Justin Reinhardt. Steve McLean left early in the meeting-trying to check time on video however tape of meeting has not been posted to SRC-TV website.

Selectmen present: Joanne Andrews.

Quorum established: Quorum met.

1. Meeting Minutes: 11/28/17 minutes approved. 12/5/17 minutes approved with comma correction on figure of 87,00, corrected to 8,700.

2. Old Business:

a. Minutes of 12/12/17 meeting yet to be submitted and approved.

b. Still waiting for Board of Appeals budget request. Per BC member Steve McLean, who is also a member of the BOA, stated that the BOA needs no funding due to applicants pay all costs of any appeal. Stated that we need a request in writing from the Chair. Gil Harris will reach out to BOA Chairman.

c. Review and recommendation of Recreation Dept. Budget:

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to deduct following from the Recreation Budget:

High school soccer goals of \$2,094 plus \$212.40 in freight.

Expansion of soccer field/irrigation system to a high school regulation field for \$26,768.

It was discussed that the committee would like to see the program grow over the next few years and see a consistent level of participation by high school athletes before funding the proposed expansion.

Discussed that this requested expansion is a capital improvement to the ball field and not really an operating expenditure.

The rec. dept. is requesting an increase in the stipend for the director from \$3,000 to \$7,500. There is also a stipend for a skills director position. Motion made, seconded to fund \$1,500 stipend to director position. Discussion on fall soccer program and winter basketball/ indoor soccer, consensus was that stipend was high. Motion passed. 4-Yes and 1 abstention.

Rec. budget as follows: \$2,153 = payroll and FICA, \$3,850 = supplies, \$1,000 = playground equip. installation, \$338 = shed repairs (replace door, deadbolt, & window repair) & \$650 = travel basketball fees, soccer and basketball referees and painting program. Total budget \$7,991.00. Motion to approve, seconded and passed. 4-Yes.

Discussion of year end spending of department balances on items not originally requested in department budgets, and no prior approval being obtained from the BOS for such year end expenditures by departments. Discussed the need for the BOS to adopt a spending policy for such practices. This spending practice is not an isolated incident. Gil will draft a letter to the BOS regarding developing a spending policy. This past year the rec. dept. did not purchase a merry-go-round as was requested for the playground at the ball field, instead spent the remaining funds in the account balance on a score board for the Line School gymnasium to be used by the rec. dept. programs. Total cost for scoreboard = \$2,532.39.

3. **Discussion and review of Road Commissioner and Paving Budgets:**

Denise stated that she will be recusing herself from voting on these budgets due to her family's business bidding on the paving work, yet she will participate in the discussion.

Discussed system of rating roads, prioritizing roads and 5 yr plan on roadwork. Motion made and seconded to approve Road Comm. budget of \$170,000 and paving budget of \$200,000. Motion passed. 4-Yes, Denise recused herself.

4. **Discussion and review of Treasurer's Budget:**

Training line item was reduced and pay increased to \$23 per hr. (\$22.999/hr. actually) a 3% increase of \$446.53 annually, for this position. BOS have not yet met to discuss raises/COLA increases. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Budget as presented. Motion passed. 4-Yes, 1-abstention.

5. **Charity Requests:**

Red Cross-Motion made, seconded and passed, to donate \$500. 4-Yes.

Maine Health(use to be Visiting Nurses)-Motion made, seconded and passed, to donate \$500. 4-Yes.

St. Matthew Food Pantry-Motion made, seconded and passed, to donate \$1,000. 4-Yes.

Saco River Corridor Comm.-Motion made, seconded and passed, to donate \$300. 4-Yes.

Leavitt Mills Free Health Ctr.(Buxton)-Motion made, seconded and failed, to donate \$250. 2-Yes, 3-No.

Life Flight-motion made, seconded and failed, to donate \$723. 4-No.

Betsy Ann Ross House(Augusta)-Motion made, seconded and failed. 4-No, 1-Yes.

Sokokis Lake Assoc-Motion made, seconded and passed to donate \$3,000 for monitoring at public boat launch. 4-Yes.

So. Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery(Springvale)-Motion made, seconded and failed. 4-No.

Caring Unlimited-Motion made, seconded and failed to fund \$868. Discussed the many years that the Town of Limerick provided the meeting space for this organization. 4-No

Kids Free to Grow(Kennebunk)-Motion made, seconded and failed to fund \$500. Discussed that the budget presented with this request, reflected that a substantial amount of funds raised were expensed on consultants and personnel. 4-No.

Note: The Chair will only vote in case of a tie.

4. **Budget Committee Meeting Schedule:** December 28th, 2017 at 7 pm.

Adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Denise L. Benton, Sec.