

Town of Limerick Budget Committee

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Meeting Minutes: December 28th, 2017.

Meeting Called to order at 7 pm.

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

Members Absent: 0

Quorum established: Quorum met.

- 1. Meeting Minutes:** 12/12/17 minutes approved.
12/19/17 minutes approved with following correction-last paragraph-4th line-after practice-replace in with is.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Board of Appeals Budget Presentation by Chair Michael Carroll: Board met as needed for 2017. The BOA does hold one meeting annually to elect officers. Under the new ordinance, the applicant of the appeal, pays all costs of appeal incurred by the BOA. It was discussed that the costs paid by applicant go into the general fund. BOA is requesting a budget of \$1,000 to cover administrative expenses. The BOA members do not receive any compensation.

b. Review and recommendation of EMA Budget:
Discussed stipend positions, Director and Deputy. Cost of each position? Decided to defer EMA Budget pending more information.

c. Review and recommendation of CEO Budget:
Motion made and seconded to accept CEO budget as presented(\$59,502.46). Budget includes a 3% COLA for CEO and secretary. Motion Passed Unanimously.

d. Review and recommendation of Town Clerk/Tax Collector Budget:
Motion made and seconded to accept Town Clerk/Tax Collector budget as presented. Discussion on hours that office is open. 5-Yes, 1-Abstention. Motion Passed.

e. Review and recommendation of Animal Control Budget:
Motion made and seconded to accept AC Budget as presented. Discussed that the budget presented has an increase of approximately \$230 from last years budget. 6-Yes. Motion Passed.

f. Review and recommendation of Planning Board Budget:
Motion made and seconded to accept Planning Board budget as presented. Discussed increase in hours of secretary position (36 more hrs annually) and 2.2% COLA. Discussion on cutting maps, stipends and possibly professional services.. 0-Yes. Motion Failed.

Motion made and seconded to take \$500 out of maps and accept BP Budget at \$13,020.00. No further discussion. 5-Yes, 1-Abstention. Motion Passed.

g. Review and recommendation of Library Budget:

Motion made and seconded to accept Library Budget. Discussion on Library Tech. position-is this an added position? Is there an increase in pay for this position or an increase in hours? Decided to defer Library Budget pending more information.

h. Review and recommendation of Board of Appeals Budget:

Motion made, seconded to increase BOA budget request to \$1,500. Discussion. Accepted as motioned. 5-Yes. Motion Passed.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Draft letter from Budget Committee to Board of Selectmen:

Motion made and seconded to have BC Chair draft a letter to BOS with recommendations such as developing a spending policy. Letter to include all BC members names. Motion Passed Unanimously.

4. Next Meeting Agenda:

Next meeting review and make recommendation on Fire/EMS , Solid Waste/Transfer Station-Gil will invite Department Heads from these 2 departments to the meeting. Complete deferred budgets-EMA & Library. Gil will email Library Dept. Head and EMA Director with questions.

5. BUDGET COMMITTEE METING SCHEDULE: January 4th, 2018 at 7 pm.

Adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Denise L. Benton, Sec.