

Town of Limerick Budget Committee
Compiled 1/26/13

Subject: Meeting Minutes January 9, 2014
Call to Order: The meeting began @ 7:02 PM.

Members Present:

Denise Benton
Steve Grigg
Gil Harris
Maureen Libby
Michael Welsh

Members Absent:

Stephanie Bishop
Kim Oliver

Others Present:

Wendy Thorne- Selectman Chair
Bob Devilleneuve-Selectman
Dean Lepage-Selectman
Michael Mclean-Fire Chief
Peter Proctor-EMS
Dereck-Fire Dept
Eileen Dashner-Citizen

1. Meeting Minutes:
 - a. The minutes of 12/12/13 were tabled until next meeting. Calculations need to be checked for the Road Commissioner's Budget. Check figure on Flaggers. Warrant Articles 36 & 54 had errors.
2. Old Business: Fire Dept Budget
 - a. Roof Maintenance: Remove \$10,000 from the budget and place as a separate article to come from the Capital Repair account. To be Article 21.
 - b. It was noticed there was a deduction in stipend for the Commo Officer and an increase for the training Officer.
 - c. Stipends in 2013 were \$19,400.
 - d. Were there raises in 2013?
 - e. The Training Officer is to receive and increase because of additional training duties. No COLA.
 - f. If there is a decrease in the Secretary's & Commo Officer's training are they doing less?
 - g. Training Officer started in 2010.
 - h. With the Training Officer performing certified training for EMT & Fire Fighter 1&2, it should reduce the training budget approximately \$3600.00.
 - i. Recommend up dating Job Descriptions to reflect the change in duties for individuals.

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- j. It is recommended to keep the Communications Officer Stipend the same until the individual retires and a new person takes over the position, then reduce it by the \$100.00 suggested by the LFD.
 - k. Exempt Training Officer from COLA because of significant increase in pay.
 - l. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend LFD Budget to be \$131,873.00; 3-Yes; 2-No.**
3. Old Business: EMS Paramedic coverage
- a. Reference LFD/EMS presentation.
 - b. Michael Welsh recused himself from this topic.
 - c. Mutual aid doubled, whether Limerick was covering other calls or no response, Mutual aid was required.
 - d. Most responders live and work out of town.
 - e. Requesting weekend days for coverage. 2 people 6AM to 6PM Saturdays & Sundays.
 - f. All responders have EMS jobs.
 - g. Have Selectmen discussed mutual aid with Parsonsfield and other towns.
 - h. Mutual aid to other towns is about 22%.
 - i. If towns have a second call and cannot handle the call Mutual Aid is requested.
 - j. Mutual Aid bills patient thru rescue billing.
 - k. What is the percentage of coverage by town?
 - l. Does the Town get reimbursed?
 - m. Is the town of Limerick performing a service to other areas while shorting Limerick?
 - n. Will weekend coverage provide more mutual aid to other towns?
 - o. Have a professional audit of the Rescue Billing account.
 - p. Bill the town that was provided the support if the individual does not pay the Rescue Billing.
 - q. Check with surrounding towns to see if they are staffed adequately.
 - r. 2 people per weekend paid by EMS level. 1 driver and 1 Medical Technician.
 - s. Figures are based on 2 Intermediate Level mix.
 - t. If a driver is unavailable for a call the mutual aid is required.
 - u. More mutual aid calls require more mileage, fuel etc.
 - v. Ambulance replacement, possibly look at going to a 6/12 year cycle vs 5/10 yr cycle.
 - w. A new ambulance will be needed in 2016.
 - x. Request an audit of Rescue Billing.
 - y. Wendy to ask Auditor how to proceed with an audit.
 - z. Minimum request to weekend coverage: \$32,228.
 - aa. Plan on utilizing Limerick Staff to fill positions first.
 - bb. Paying per diem will yield better results for coverage vs volunteering on weekends. Responders p/u per diem shifts vs volunteer shifts.
 - cc. Separate warrant article for Per Diem EMS Staff separate from LFD budget.
 - dd. Dean Lepage to work with LFD to gather more info.

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ee. **MOTION/Vote: Table Per Diem coverage until more info is available. 4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Recuse.**

4. Old Business: Recreation Committee
 - a. No Budget Submitted.
 - b. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend \$7,000.00 Rec Budget. 5-Yes; 0-No.**
 - c. Pay Rec Director a stipend? Discussion revealed this was an unfavorable choice at this time.
 - d. Advertise for Rec Director.

5. New Business: Review Warrant Articles
 - a. Articles 3-10: Charities, total \$4800.00.
 - b. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend yes vote for Articles 3-10 as written: 3-Yes; 2-Abstain.**

 - c. Article 11: Saco River Water quality, \$300.00.
 - d. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written Article 11: 3-Yes; 2-Abstain.**

 - e. Article 12: LACC \$3,000.00 for Milfoil.
 - f. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written Article 12: 2-Yes; 3-No.**

 - g. Article 13: Sokokis Lake Association, \$3000.00.
 - h. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written Article 13: 1-Yes; 4-No.**

 - i. Article 14: \$150,000 to Purchase property on Washington Street, 11.6 acres.
 - j. Sales & Purchase agreement has been entered into for the vote of the town.
 - k. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written Article 14: 0-Yes; 5-No.**

 - l. Article 15: Health insurance \$24,000.
 - m. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written Article 15: 0-yes; 5-No.**
 - n. 1 person is enrolled, 8 people are qualified.
 - o. Article 15: Health insurance; Recommend \$6000.00.
 - p. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend to change Article 15 to \$6000.00: 3-Yes; 1-No; 1-Abstain.**

 - q. Article 16: Dispose of Town owned lots: No discussion, stop at this article.

6. Meetings:
 - a. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1/14/13 @ 7:00PM.
 - b. Continue to review warrant article.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned @ 9:05 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Welsh
Secretary,
Town of Limerick Budget Committee