

Board of Selectmen October 5, 2015

Present: Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson; Kenneth S. Paul; Connie Twombly (joined the session in progress); Teresa A. Williams, Town Administrator; and Toni Bodah, Secretary.

Mr. Edwards called the posted meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Various department heads/committee representatives were present as indicated below.

Solid Waste - Warren Winn

The budget as proposed by Mr. Winn was reviewed. Mr. Paul noted that the Transfer Station is in a year of transition. The Transfer Station Ordinance Committee will be making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Paul wondered whether the other Board members want to keep level funding for 2016 or limit the overall increase to a specific percentage. **Mr. Paul moved to accept the section total at \$419,687, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

Discussion followed regarding recycling at the Transfer Station and how to increase same. Mr. Paul noted that he Town of Milton's staff members wear "Go-Pros" so all encounters with the public are on camera. Mr. Winn noted that in Pittsfield, residents who do not wish to recycle have their vehicles weighed on their way in and out of the facility and pay accordingly. [Ms. Twombly joined the session at this point.] Discussed the current process whereby Brookfield residents obtain their permits to utilize the Wakefield facility. Also discussed maintenance of the landfill cap and the time involved to keep the cap mowed. Mr. Winn stated that another staff member would be useful from April through September, at the least.

Sewer - Michael Soucy

Ms. Twombly asked about the available capacity on the current collection system. Mr. Soucy advised that the system is currently operating at a comfortable level, below the maximum. He is cautious about adding onto the system.

Mr. Soucy has received one verbal estimate to replace one of the pump station generators. It was noted that sufficient funds are available within the sewer fund, which funds could then be replenished over the next several years. Mr. Soucy suggested that the existing generator could be moved to the lagoons for use in the event of a power outage. Mr. Soucy will gather information in order to prepare a spec sheet, following which the Town will advertise for bids for a new generator.

Ms. Williams asked whether Mr. Soucy had obtained estimates to flush the system and scope with cameras. Those estimates are not yet available. When they are, the Board will revisit this budget.

Heritage Commission - Pam Wiggin

Ms. Wiggin does not yet have a number for painting of the Spinney Meeting House. Additionally, it has been determined that several windows at the Old Town Hall require work, in addition to some outside work. **Mr. Paul moved to include \$2243 in line 01-41913-820, for a section total of \$12,980. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion.** Ms. Twombly noted that \$12,980 does not include all labor anticipated. However, 2015 funds could be encumbered. **The motion then passed 3-0.**

Voter Registration - Sandy Cools and Tom Mix

The proposed increase in this budget reflects 4 elections in 2016. Ms. Williams noted that she increased the hourly wages to reflect an \$8 per hour wage. **Ms. Twombly moved the section at \$5850, as proposed. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

Cemeteries - Phil Twombly, Dave Tibbetts and Kenny Fogg

Mr. Twombly advised that the proposed increase in line 01-41951-490 relates to the need to reclaim a number of plots on one side of the Lovell Lake Cemetery. \$31,000 was listed in 01-41951-430 (the same as 2015), and can be adjusted once the contract is awarded. Mr. Paul wonders whether some mowing could be done in-house, in conjunction with parks maintenance. **Mr. Edwards moved the section at \$39,610. Mr. Paul seconded the motion.** The anticipated expenditures this year from 01-41951-490 were reviewed, to include tree removal and grub control. **The motion then passed 2-0-1.**

Gen'l Government - Gen'l Admin - Teresa Williams

Ms. Twombly moved the section total at \$90,590, as presented. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Gen'l Government - Greater Wakefield Resource Center

Mr. Paul moved to approve this section at \$0. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. No funds have been expended from this line year-to-date. No back up for use of the requested funds for 2016 was provided. Ms. Twombly would not support this motion. It was noted that the organization will have an opportunity to request that the Budget Committee reinstate the funds. Mr. Paul and Mr. Edwards noted that \$2500 would not go far to address that building. **The motion then passed 2-1.**

Patriotic Purposes

This request remains level at \$1650. **Mr. Paul moved the section at \$1650, as presented. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson

Kenneth S. Paul

Connie Twombly