

## **DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting minutes September 14, 2021**

Present: Steve Baldwin, Nancy Campbell, Bill Gurney (Chairman), Judy Knapp, Chris Raymond (Selectmen's Representative), K Vanderbilt and Susie Vogel

Also Present: Kate Fuller (Town Administrator), Carole Monroe (Selectboard member) and Susan Peters (Selectboard member), Beth and Jeff Pinney (left the meeting when the BudCom voted to enter non-public session).

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Gurney.

Minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting were moved by Nancy, seconded by Susie and approved as written.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: A motion was made by Judy and seconded by Nancy to go into non-public session, under RSA 91-A: 3, Section II (a), compensation of a public employee. Motion was voted unanimously to go into non-public session. At 7:05 pm the non-public session commenced.

Motion by Judy and seconded by Nancy to re-enter public session at 7:40 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Judy to seal the minutes of the non-public session, seconded by Susie and approved by the Board.

Public meeting re-convened at 7:40 Selectboard members Carole Monroe and Susan Peters left the public meeting and Jeff and Beth Pinney returned, only to leave again. The Pinney's were here for the Recreation Committee and Dublin Community Centers budget presentations, which are now scheduled for September 21st.

Kate asked how the Committee would like the sheets to look and when we wanted them-the earlier the better, most of the Committee want paper copies, a column for the department head budget request, along with any notes to explain the requests. BOS needs to give the board guidance on salary and wages. Judy pointed out that general worker salaries are up 2.8% vs hospitality workers at 5% because of the labor shortage. State retirement is not giving retirees any raises.

Chris gave an update on personnel: still no new Police Officer, John Hartwell is retiring, and the 2 new Highway Department employees got their 90 day raises. Ideas for the use of the American Recovery Act funds are purchase the fire department 12 lead, police body cameras and highway department has some infrastructure needs.

Judy asked if solar energy would be considered with any new buildings. Chris replied not yet mainly because solar panels have to be maintained and we don't have the staff to do that. The Town is exploring the possibility of leasing land on town property that would be maintained by a private company.

Review of 2021 warrant articles:

Library drainage project-there are issues with getting work done, it could be next Spring before its done, but they are aware that they need to have a contract before the end of the year so that the expense can be encumbered.

Recycle building may not be built this year. Guidance is needed on extending these 2 projects into 2022.

Veteran's plaques- Final proposal reviewed and Peterborough Marble & Granite received \$8,000.

AED's-K reported they were just received.

Post Office ramp-Chris assured the Committee it will happen.

Swap Shop roof has been completed.

Health Agencies-2 have not requested money yet.

Dublin Community Center-paid.

Rotary Park- The survey has been done and the abutter has been requested to take their possessions off the Town land. The survey cost will be split (Town will get approximately \$1,300) and the pins will be replaced. The balance of the \$5,000 will go towards fixing the road.

Next meeting September 21 at Town Hall, top floor, 7 pm with the Recreation Committee and Dublin Community Center representatives.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Campbell, Co-Secretary