

DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes

October 11, 2022

Present: Nancy Campbell, Judy Knapp, Susan Peters, (Selectboard Representative), Sturdy Thomas, K Vanderbilt and Susie Vogel

Absent: Bill Gurney

Also Present: Ramona Branch-Recreation Committee, Jay Schechter and June Brening-Conservation Commission

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Acting Chair Vogel. The minutes of the October 4, 2022, meeting were moved by Nancy, seconded by K and approved as amended-passed (Yes 4; Abstain 2-Thomas and Peters).

Recreation Committee- Ramona (Chair) presented the Recreation Committee budget:

Ramona was reminded that the budget year is from January to December. She explained that 2022 was a re-building year and that programs were being added in 2023.

Field Maintenance same as 2022- **\$1,820** for mowing and port-a-potty

Special Events - \$875.

Continuation of Trunk or Treat at Dublin Christian Academy and Christmas tree lighting, addition of Easter Egg Hunt, Veteran's lunch for Memorial Day and July 4th picnic.

K explained that the Fire Department and Fire Company had done the Christmas tree lighting and Santa for 55 years and they voted to continue to do that. K also explained that others in Town had provided cookies (i.e., the Community Center and Dublin General Store). It is also possible the Fire Company would give financial assistance for refreshments. K also suggested that it was less expensive to take photos of children with Santa with a smartphone instead of Polaroid photos. After further discussion, K told Ramona to co-ordinate the tree lighting with Brian Barden.

In regard to the Easter Egg hunt, Ramona stated that the Librarian had asked the Recreation Committee to run the event. Judy pointed out that this had been run by the Friends of the Library, not the library. Judy asked if the Friends of the Library would be doing it in 2023. Ramona will check on that.

Electricity - \$340 - For the ballfield: represents a 70% increase.

The proposed budget for 2023 is **\$3,035** an increase of **\$430** from the 2022 budget. Proposed budget was moved by Judy, seconded by Sturdy and passed (6-0).

Ramona was reminded that the Selectboard directive was for level funded budgets

Jay Schechter presented the **Conservation Commission** budget: Unless otherwise noted, lines remain the same as in the 2022 budget.

Dues & Subscriptions – increase from **\$1,000** to **\$1,050**.

Maps & Photos- increase from **\$1** to **\$200**-needed for the Open Space Committee.

Lake Monitoring- Jay thought this line would be fully spent, although this didn't include testing at Howe Reservoir because of the repair work on the dam.

Maintenance Conservation- increase from \$1,400 to \$1,700-3 mowing's at the park. This mowing had previously been done by an abutter of the park. The picnic tables are old and in need of repair or replacement. Susie suggested that Jay contact Dublin School about a possible donation of picnic tables and Adirondack chairs that are made by the students.

Invasives Control -increase from **\$2,300** to **\$4,600**. This allows for 2 days of spraying because of the demand for the service. Susie suggested that Jay talk to the Beech Hill/Dublin Lake Watershed Association to see if they could assist with funding. It was also suggested that perhaps a small fee could be charged (\$50-\$100) to help with this expense. Nancy asked what the Department of Transportation does to take care of invasives- they only do something about them if they are in the line of sight.

Jay was also made aware that Dublin School does a Saturday work gang for people, organizations, and the Town. Perhaps they could help at Rotary Park with a project.

The proposed budget is **\$8,104** up from **\$5,755**, - an increase of **\$2,344** from the 2022 budget. The Budget Committee had concerns about this increase. Proposed budget was moved by Judy, seconded by Sturdy and passed Yes 5; No 1 (Susie).

Next meeting October 18, 2023, Town Hall, 7 pm. - Cemetery and Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Motion by Susie, seconded by Sturdy to adjourn, passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Campbell, Co-Secretary