

DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023

Present: Nancy Campbell, Bill Gurney (Chairman), Judy Knapp, Carole Monroe- via Zoom (Selectmen's Representative), Sturdy Thomas, K Vanderbilt and Susie Vogel

Also present: Rowan Wilson, *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* reporter

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gurney.

Minutes from the January 10, 2023, meeting were moved by Sturdy, seconded by Susie and approved as written. 7-0

Continued review of tabled budgets from January 17th meeting as follows:

Judy reported on the information she had received from Kate on the questions we had on the tabled budgets, i.e., Library, Solid Waste, Conservation Commission and Summer Playground.

Library:

The figures in the Select Board budget for Social Security (\$5,372) and Medicare (\$1,256) are correct. **Library** total **\$136,980**. Motion made by Sturdy, seconded by Judy to approve \$136,980. Motion approved 7-0.

Solid Waste:

Kate will be contacting BMSI to fix the retirement figure-Kate has tried to correct the Electricity line, but there is \$1,389 that is causing an error in that line, and there is still no information on Diesel expenses. The budget remains tabled.

Conservation Commission:

Motion made by Sturdy and seconded by Susie to bring the Conservation Commission budget off the table. Motion approved 7-0.

Discussion about charging people to spray for invasives-would the program be as successful, an account would have to be set up to accept these funds. Also, discussion about the amount that was transferred to savings-where did this money come from because there wasn't that much income from the land use change tax received. Carole explained that a previous employee had miscoded a deposit which may account for the error.

Motion made by Sturdy, seconded by K to approve budget at **\$8,104**. Motion approved 7-0.

Summer Playground: Motion by Sturdy, seconded by Susie to bring the Summer Playground budget off the table. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion about the 5% raise for a Director who might be a new employee. Carole explained this was set at 5% in the event that someone who had previously worked as the Playground director returned. It was suggested that a higher salary might be better, allowing for room to hire at a fair rate. Sturdy moved and Susie seconded a motion to raise the Director salary line \$200 from \$6,300 to \$6,500 and adjust the Social Security and Medicare lines appropriately. Motion to approve Director salary at **\$6,500** and the corresponding changes to Social Security (**\$1,093**) and Medicare (**\$256**) passed 7-0. Motion by Susie, seconded by Sturdy to approve Summer Playground budget at **\$22,029**. Motion passed 7-0.

Continued Warrant article review:

Carole said that the only warrant funded from the Unassigned Fund Balance would be the fuel contingency fund (\$15,000). All other warrant articles would either be funded by taxation or capital reserve funds.

Library: Carole reported that Mike Borden had found more issues with the Library building which means the appropriation to the Library Capital Reserve fund needs to be increased.

To do the entire project for the Library foyer, the chimney and the air quality and HVAC system the warrant article would need to be \$66,000. The BOS is recommending 2 separate warrant articles: one for the entrance and chimney at **\$35,500** (\$20,000 from the Library Capital Reserve and \$15,500 from taxation) and the other for the air quality system at **\$13,500** (from taxation).

Cemetery Stonewall repair: Nothing to report.

Security cameras: No estimate yet.

Pay per bag: Nothing to report.

Community Power: No monetary impact.

Veteran's credit re-adoption: Does this have a monetary affect if any service member qualifies for this? There is the potential that more people would apply for this.

Lake donations: This would probably be a sub-account in to accept any donations.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, downstairs. The committee will review the revenue budget and Solid Waste budget again. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Campbell, Co- Secretary