

**MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT TOWN COUNCIL - BUDGET COMMITTEE
FY 25 BUDGET REVIEW MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
175 NORTHEAST ROAD - STANDISH, MAINE
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024
9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Finance Committee Chair Watson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Town Councilors present: Gaba, Gardner, LeClerc, Macri, Pomerleau and Watson.
Councilor Deakin was excused.

Budget Committee members present: Delaney, Nesbitt, Paul, Smith, Struebing, Waig and Watson

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Council and Budget Committee reviewed the FY25 Municipal Budget – Departments, Capital and other items. The Town Council voted on the town departments as follows:

LAW ENFORCEMENT – Department 240 - Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Law Enforcement budget of \$1,472,603 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

CAPITAL- PUBLIC SAFETY – Department 3000-52600 – Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Public Safety Capital budget of \$975,000 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

CAPITAL- GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - Department 3000-52601 – Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the General Administration Capital budget of \$150,000 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

CAPITAL- PUBLIC WORKS - Department 3000-52605 – Moved by LeClerc to reduce the amount of the Flagger in a Can item by \$8,000. **No second, the motion failed.**

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Macri and voted to add the amount \$35,000 to the line for the 4-WD Loader from \$200,000 to \$235,000. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

Moved by Leclerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Public Works Capital budget of \$1,260,000 to \$1,295,000 as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

CAPITAL- HIGHWAY - Department 3000-52607 - Moved by LeClerc seconded by Pomerleau to reduce the amount of the engineering of the Moulton Hill project by \$30,000. **VOTE: 4 Yeas, Gaba, LeClerc, Pomerleau and Watson - 2 Nays, Gardner and Macri**

Moved by Leclerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Public Works Capital budget of \$1,310,599 to \$1,280,599 as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

ASSESSING – Department 100 – Moved by Macri seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Assessing budget of \$281,472 as presented. **VOTE: 5 Yeas, Gaba, Gardner, LeClerc, Macri and Watson - 1 Nay, Pomerleau**

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Department 110 - Moved by Gardner seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Code Enforcement budget of \$102,112 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

TOWN CLERK – Department 150 – Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Town Clerk budget of \$379,969 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

PLANNING – Department 160 – Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Planning budget of \$256,907 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

PARKS AND RECREATION - Department 610 - Moved by Gaba seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve the Parks and Recreation budget of \$343,536 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

RICH MEMORIAL BEACH – Department 611 - Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Rich Memorial budget of \$51,165 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

RECREATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – Moved by LeClerc seconded by Pomerleau and voted to reduce the Postage and Printing line from \$2,000 to \$750. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to increase the Scholarship Program line by \$1,250 to \$9,250. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

Moved by Leclerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Public Recreation Special Revenue Fund of \$635,977 to \$635,977 as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

PUBLIC SAFETY – Department 215 - Moved by LeClerc seconded by Pomerleau and voted to reduce the Paramedic Class X 1 line (Training, 215-52100) by \$6,000 from \$12,000 to \$6,000. **VOTE: 5 Yeas, Gaba, Gardner, LeClerc, Pomerleau and Watson - 1 Nay, Macri**

Moved by Gardner seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve the Public Safety budget of \$2,363,505 to \$2,357,505 as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

PUBLIC WORKS – Department 410 - Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Watson and voted to reduce the (2) Part Time Operators line by \$9,000 from \$39,000 to \$30,000: **VOTE: 2 Yeas, Pomerleau and Watson – 4 Nays, Gaba, Gardner, LeClerc and Macri**

Moved by Pomerleau to reduce the misc. vehicle repairs (in-house) by \$20,000. **No second, the motion failed.**

Moved by Pomerleau to reduce the misc. vehicle repairs (hired-out) (Equipment Maintenance, 410-52070) by \$30,000. **Councilor Pomerleau withdrew the motion.**

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by LeClerc to reduce the misc. vehicle repairs (hired-out) by \$25,000 from \$95,000 to \$70,000. **VOTE: 5 Yeas, Gaba, Gardner, LeClerc, Pomerleau and Watson – 1 Nays, Macri**

Moved by Leclerc seconded by Pomerleau and voted to reduce the winter sand line (Salt Sand and Gravel, 410-53120) by \$10,500 from \$60,500 to \$50,000: **VOTE: 2 Yeas, LeClerc and Pomerleau – 4 Nays , Gaba, Gardner, Macri and Watson**

Moved by Leclerc seconded by Pomerleau and voted to reduce the engineering services as needed line (Contractual, 410-52090) by \$10,000 from \$75,000 to \$65,000. **VOTE: 5 Yeas - Gaba, Gardner, LeClerc, Pomerleau and Watson - 1 Nay, Macri**

Moved by Gaba seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Public Works budget of \$1,921,851 to \$1,886,851 as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

CAPITAL OUTLAY – Department 630 - Moved by Gaba seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Capital Outlay budget of \$25,000 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

SOLID WASTE – Department 430 - Moved by Gardner seconded by Leclerc and voted to approve the Solid Waste budget of \$987,609 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION – Department 130 - Moved by Pomerleau seconded by LeClerc and voted to reduce the grant match funds line (Contractual, 130-52090) by \$5,000 from \$15,105 to \$10,105. **VOTE: 4 Yeas, Gardner, LeClerc, Pomerleau and Watson - 2 Nays, Gaba and Macri**

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the General Administration budget of \$485,625 to \$480,625 as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

CABLE TELEVISION – Department 135 - Moved by Gaba seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve the Cable Television budget of \$171,268 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

TOWN COUNCIL – Department 140 - Moved by Gardner seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve the Town Council budget of \$73,844 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

FINANCE – Department 150 - Moved by Gaba seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Finance budget of \$364,264 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

APPEALS BOARD – Department 161 - Moved by LeClerc seconded by Pomerleau and voted to approve the Appeals Board budget of \$987 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

BUILDING MAINTENANCE – Department 170 - Moved by Macri seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Building Maintenance budget of \$258,586 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE – Department 310 - Moved by Gaba seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve the General Assistance budget of \$83,966 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Department 710 - Moved by Gaba seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve the Employee Benefits budget of \$1,622,175 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

INSURANCE – Department 720 - Moved by Gaba seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Insurance budget of \$85,713 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

DEBT SERVICE – Department 730 - Moved by Gaba seconded by Leclerc and voted to approve the Debt Service budget of \$2,268,973 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

TRANSFERS OUT – Department 998 – Moved by Pomerleau seconded by LeClerc and voted to increase the amount of the Public Safety Fair line by \$2,500 from \$2,500 to \$5,000. **VOTE: 4 Yeas, Gardner, LeClerc, Pomerleau and Watson – 2 Nays, Gaba and Macri**

Moved by Gaba seconded by Gardner and voted to approve the Transfers Out budget of \$2,500 to \$5,000 as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

REVENUES – Non-Property Taxes, Intergovernmental, Licenses and Permits, Charges for Services, Recreation, Rich Memorial Beach, Penalties and Interest, Other Revenues and Use of Surplus. - Moved by Gaba seconded by Leclerc and voted to approve the Revenues (Non-Property) budget of \$10,614,564 as presented. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

Finance Chair Watson noted that they now have to vote on the Cumberland County budget amount.

Finance Director, Scott Gesualdi explained that the time our budget was created the Cumberland County Budget number was not available. He asked that they amend the Cumberland County budget amount to \$1,117,516.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BUDGET - Moved by LeClerc seconded by Watson and voted to amend the Cumberland Country Budget amount to \$1,117,516. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve the Cumberland County budget as amended. **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Pomerleau and voted to move the town's capital budget to the Budget Committee: **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

The Clerk announced the upcoming Special Town Council – Budget Committee FY 25 Budget Review meetings.

The Clerk noted that there was an order on today's agenda to approve the Capital Improvements Plan, since that did not take place the order should be postponed until the March 16, 2024 Special Joint meeting.

Moved by Macri seconded by Gaba and voted to postpone order 31-24 until the March 16, 2024 Special Town Council – Budget Committee FY 25 Budget Review meeting. (Unanimous)

Councilor LeClerc questioned what will be the procedure regarding donation requests, if the requestor of the funds is not at the meeting?

Scott Gesualdi noted that staff contacted the requestors to explain that they have to attend the meeting to be considered for a donation request.

Councilor Pomerleau asked when will the school present their budget to the town?

The Clerk noted that MSAD No. 6 will present their budget at the April Town Council Workshop.

Councilor Pomerleau asked when will the Budget Committee return our budget.

The Clerk noted that the capital budget will be returned to the Town Council at the March 16 meeting and the operating budget will be returned to the Town Council at the April 9 Town Council meeting.

Carol Waig asked that they establish a policy relating to donation requestors being present at the meeting.

The Clerk asked the Budget Committee to announce their updated Chair, Vice-chair and secretary.

Steven Nesbitt announced that the following:

Budget Committee Chair - Steven Nesbitt

Budget Committee Vice-Chair – Todd Delaney

Budget Committee secretary - Carol Waig

ADJOURN

Moved by LeClerc seconded and voted to adjourn. The Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm by unanimous consent.

Submitted by:
Clerk/Secretary

