

Standish Town Hall

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Budget Committee Minutes March 31, 2015

Budget Committee Meeting
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Attendance: Jane Cirone, Chairperson, Walter Wasson, Vice Chairperson, Katherine Post, Ronald Richardson, Carolyn Brown, Ellen Kasprzyk
Absent: Martha Hurd-Call,

Meeting opened at 6:04 pm

Correction to the last meeting minutes:

The Law Enforcement motion was made and seconded to Accept as Presented with no recommendations. The vote was 6 – 0 instead of 4 – 0 as previously reported.

Budget Review of Departments:

The following departments were reviewed and accepted at the previous meeting:

Code Enforcement: Motion made and seconded to Accept as Amended – 5 – 1.

General Admin: Motion made and seconded to Accept as Amended – 5 – 1.

Planning: Motion made and seconded to Accept as Amended – 6 – 0.

Appeals Board: Motion made and seconded to Accept as Amended – 6 – 0.

Law Enforcemnt: Motion made and seconded to Accept as Presented with no recommendations – 6 – 0.

The following departments were reviewed this meeting:

Public Safety:

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Presented with no recommendations – 6 – 0.

General Assistance:

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Presented with no recommendations – 6 – 0.

Public Works:

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Presented with no recommendations – 6 – 0.

Solid Waste:

Motion made and seconded to reduce Special Waste Disposal by \$10,000 – 5 – 1.

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Amended with this recommendation – 5 – 1.

It was noted there appears to be over budgeting trending in this account over the past few years.

<u>2012 – 2013</u>	<u>2013 - 2014</u>
Appropriation \$579,142	Appropriated \$579,677
Expended <u>\$523,537</u>	Expended <u>\$521,315</u>
Unexpended \$ 53,872	Unexpended \$ 60,095

Recreation:

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Presented with no recommendations – 6 – 0.

Donations:

*Motion made and seconded to add \$2,000 for the School House Arts Center at the 3/25/15 meeting – 4 – 0.

It was noted the Town Council recommended the Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center donation should be \$1,200. We corrected this on page 192 of our budget page.

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Amended with these recommendations – 6 – 0.

Employee Benefits

Motion made and seconded to reduce Employee Uniforms by \$1,000 – 5 – 1.

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Amended with this recommendation – 5 - 1

Recommendations from this meeting:

Recommend the Town survey other sources for the cost of Worker's Compensation. It was noted the Town of Gorham recently changed from the MMA Group Worker's Compensation and received a sizable reduction in costs.

Recommend the Town of Standish give consideration to Employees participation in cost-sharing for the Group Insurance premiums. Most private businesses and increasing numbers of municipalities are passing a portion of this cost to the employees.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Post
Secretary