

**MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT TOWN COUNCIL - BUDGET COMMITTEE
FY 25 BUDGET REVIEW MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
175 NORTHEAST ROAD - STANDISH, MAINE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
6:00 PM**

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: Deakin, Gaba, Gardner, LeClerc, Macri, Pomerleau and Watson.

Budget Committee members present: Delaney, Paul, Smith, Struebing, Waig and Watson.
Steve Nesbitt was excused.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review of the FY 25 Municipal Budget – hear donation requests and additional review of proposed FY 25 municipal budget

The following donation requests were heard at this meeting:

Eric Hobson, Treasurer - **Maplewood Cemetery** – presented their request of \$500 for acquiring erosion control plants and mowing expenses.

Jeffrey Dolloff – **Oak Hill Cemetery Association** – presented their request of \$100.

Pamela Slattery–Thomas – **Standish Village Cemetery Association** – presented their request of \$5,000 for cleaning and repair of gravestones. She asked for consideration of reimbursement of funds previously spent mowing and cleanup of the buffer strip of land adjacent to the road.

Jackie Dyer – **Steep Falls Cemetery** – presented their request of \$1,500 for mowing, gravestone and general upkeeping expenses.

Lynn Knowlton, Library President – **Richville Library** – presented their request of \$4,000 for Wifi/computer upgrade, printer/scanning capability and offering Cloud Library.

Jennifer Thomas, Board of Trustees President – **Steep Falls Library** – presented their request of \$20,000 to supplement their budget to complete ongoing projects and new projects including adding a generator to provide the ability of library being used as a warming center.

Ashley MacMillan, Director of Annual Giving – **Lifeflight Foundation** - presented their request of \$2,000 to help with infrastructure, aircraft upgrades and medical supplies.

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Connor Archibald – **Opportunity Alliance** - presented their request of \$2,500 for assistance for flexible client funds to provide service where federal and Maine Care funds fall short.

Jenny Stasio -**Through These Doors** – presented their request of \$500 for assistance and support for survivors of domestic violence.

Shelby LaForge – **Woodfords Family Services** – presented their request of \$500 for behavioral health services and family emergency funds.

Joey Hult – **Steep Falls Clinic** – presented their request of \$15,000 to assist in proposed maintenance improvements to the facility.

Barbara Kelly – **Standish Active Seniors** – presented their request of \$1,000 to assist in keeping the meal cost low, offer events and programs.

Bruce Douglass, President – **Standish Historical Society** – presented their request of \$3,500 to acquire dress forms, archival storage, solar screens for widows.

Roland Cloutier – **Steep Falls Farmers Market** – presented their request of \$1,200 to assist with annual expenses such as park rental fee, insurance, postage and printing and other expenses.

Darcie Petrov, President – **Steep Falls Village Improvements Society** – present their request of \$500 to help offset the expensed related to maintenance and upkeep of the park.

Robin Mullins, President/CEO – **Sebago Lake Region Chamber of Commerce** – presented their request of \$1,500 to invest in local communities.

Timothy Goodwin – **Standish Food Pantry** – presented their request of \$7,500 to assist in serving household in the area with food needs.

OTHER ITEMS

No other items were discussed.

ADJOURN

Moved LeClerc seconded Gaba and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: Maya Cui
Clerk/Secretary