

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT TOWN COUNCIL - BUDGET COMMITTEE
FY 24 BUDGET REVIEW MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gaba called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Butler, Gaba, Leclerc, Libby, Macri, Paul and Watson.

Budget Committee members present: Delaney, Nesbitt, Smith, Struebing, Petrov and Waig.

Robichaud joined the meeting remotely via Zoom. A member of the public, Pam Slattery-Thomas attended the meeting remotely via zoom.

Councilor Libby noted that there may be an order added at the end of the agenda relating to the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Council and Budget Committee reviewed the FY 24 Municipal Budget – Donations and other items. The Town Council voted on town donation requests as follows:

Cemetery Associations (620-56010):

Standish Village Cemetery - donation request presented by Eleanor Dudek and Jenifer Cote. Moved by LeClerc seconded by Watson and voted to approve \$2,000 in funding. 7 YEAS

Maplewood Cemetery - donation request presented by Eric Hobson. Moved by Butler seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve \$300 in funding. 7 YEAS

Oak Hill Cemetery – there was not a presenter at the meeting. Moved by LeClerc seconded by Butler and voted to approve \$100 in funding. 7 YEAS

Steep Falls Cemetery – there was not a presenter at the meeting. Moved by Paul seconded by Libby and voted to approve \$1,500 in funding. 6 YEAS – 1 NAY, LeClerc

Libraries (620-56030):

Richville Library - there was not a presenter at the meeting. Moved by Gaba seconded by Paul and voted to approve \$2,000 in funding. 5 YEAS – 2 NAYS, LeClerc and Watson

Councilor Paul disclosed that he is a longtime supporter of the library on many levels and questioned if the Town Council would want him to recuse himself from voting on the Steep Falls Library donation request?

Councilor Gaba asked Councilor Paul if he had a financial interest in the library?

Councilor Paul said he did not.

Councilor Paul was not rescued from voting on the Steep Falls Library request.

Steep Falls Library - donation request presented by Jennifer Thomas.

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted to approve \$10,000 in funding. 7 YEAS

Provider Agencies (620-56050)

Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice - there was not a presenter at the meeting.
There was no funding allocated.

Lake Region Healthcare Access Program - there was not a presenter at the meeting.
There was no funding allocated.

Lifeflight Foundation - donation request presented by Ashley MacMillian.
Moved by Butler seconded by Libby and voted to approve \$2,000 in funding. 7 Yeas

MaineHealth Care at Home - there was not a presenter at the meeting.
Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted not to fund this request. 7 YEAS

Maine Public Television MPBN - there was not a presenter at the meeting.
Moved by Gaba seconded by LeClerc voted not to fund this request. 7 YEAS

Northern Lights Health - there was not a presenter at the meeting.
Moved by Watson seconded by Libby and voted not to fund this request. 7 YEAS

Opportunity Alliance - there was not a presenter at the meeting.
Moved by Butler seconded by Gaba and voted not to fund this request. 7 YEAS

SARSSM - there was not a presenter at the meeting.
Moved by Gaba seconded by Butler and voted not to fund this request. 7 YEAS

Southern ME Agency on Aging - donation request presented by Warren Giering.
Moved by Watson seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve \$3,000 in funding. 7 YEAS

Through these Doors - donation request presented by Jen LaChance.

Moved by Watson seconded by Butler and voted to approve \$2,500 in funding. 7 YEAS

Woodfords Family Services - there was not a presenter at the meeting.

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Gaba and voted not to fund this request. 6 YEAS - 1 NAY, Watson

The Fuller Center - donation request presented by Karen Swazey-Jones.

Moved by LeClerc to approve \$2,500 in funding. (no second)

Moved by Watson seconded by Gaba and voted to approve \$5,000 in funding. 7 YEAS

Miscellaneous Associations (620-56070):

Councilor Libby noted that there is an add to the agenda of a request from the Center Memorial Medical Clinic.

Center Memorial Medical Clinic - donation request presented by Joe Hult.

Moved by Macri seconded by Libby and voted to approve \$15,000 in funding. 6 YEAS – 1 NAY, Leclerc

Saco River Corridor Commission - donation request presented by David Robinson.

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Paul and voted to approve \$500 in funding. 7 YEAS

Schoolhouse Arts Center - there was not a presenter at the meeting.

Moved by Butler seconded by Libby and voted to approve \$3,000 in funding. 5 YEAS – 1 ABSTAIN, Macri - 1 NAY, Watson

Standish Active Seniors - donation request presented by Barbara Kelly.

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Watson and voted to approve \$1,500 in funding. 7 YEAS

Standish Historical Society - donation request presented by Bruce Douglas.

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Watson and voted to approve \$2,000 in funding. 7 YEAS

Standish Sno Seekers - there was not a presenter at the meeting. (Pass through funding)

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Paul and voted to approve \$3,700 in funding. 7 YEAS

Steep Falls Village Improvement Society - there was not a presenter at the meeting.

Moved by Macri seconded by Butler and voted to approve \$200 in funding. 7 YEAS

Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce - donation request presented by Robin Mullins.

Moved by Paul seconded by Libby and voted to approve \$1,000 in funding. 6 YEAS – 1 ABSTAIN, LeClerc

Standish Food Pantry – Councilor LeClerc, a member of the Board of Directors of the Standish Food Pantry and as treasurer, announced that he would abstain from this vote to avoid any conflict of interest.

- donation request presented by Robert Deakin.

Moved by Macri seconded by Watson and voted to approve \$7,500 in funding. 6 YEAS – 1 ABSTAIN, LeClerc

Old Red Church - donation request presented by Eleanor Dudek and Jenifer Cote.

Moved by Gaba seconded by LeClerc and voted to approve \$8,000 in funding. 7 YEAS

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to add order 15-23 FORWARD FY24 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND REAFFIRM THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTE OF MARCH 11, 2023 TO FORWARD THE CAPITAL BUDGET TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

VOTE TO ADD ORDER 15-23: 7 YEAS

ORDERED that the proposed Town of Standish FY24 municipal operating is hereby forwarded to the Budget Committee on March 15, 2023, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council vote to move the capital budget to the Budget Committee on March 11, 2023, is reaffirmed by the Town Council with capital budget recommendations to be received by March 29, 2023, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Budget Committee will have 14 days to review the operating budget and return both the capital and operating budgets to the Council by March 29, 2023, pursuant to the requirements of the Standish Charter.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

ADJOURN

Moved by Gaba Second by LeClerc and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary

Mary Chapin