

Budget Committee Meeting

April 13, 2016

Attendance: Jane Cirone, Walter Wasson, Katherine Post, Martha Hurd-Call, Philip Pomerleau, Ellen Kasprzyk, Lowell Weeks

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

First order of business was to elect officers for Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Committee.

Officers elected: Jane Cirone, Chairperson  
Walter Wasson, Vice Chairperson  
Katherine Post, Secretary

Budget Review of Departments:

Assessing:

There was discussion regarding this year's increase in the budget because there appears to be a recurring overage in this account since 2012. Requested Jane Cirone asks for a breakdown of what has actually been spent in this year's budget.

We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our questions.

Code Enforcement:

Requested Jane Cirone ask who is the 3<sup>rd</sup> party that tests Watchic Lake water and why. It was noted Watchic Lake is a large enough to be classified as a State Lake. The Budget Committee wonders why the state will charge taxpayers to test water quality on a State Lake.

We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our question.

General Admin:

Discussion regarding the \$500 carryover each year since 2012 under Dues & Subscriptions. Requested Jane Cirone asks for a breakdown of what is paid and what is not being paid.

Discussion regarding the pros and cons between leasing a vehicle for the Town Manager, accepting the use of a used police vehicle and providing a stipend for the Town Manager to use his own car.

Discussion regarding the Equipment & Maintenance carryover of approximately \$7,000 each year.

Requested Jane Cirone asks for a break down between what we are actually paying and what the fixed contractual amount is.

Motion made and seconded to reduce Travel Expenses to \$50 – vote 7 – 0, unanimous.

Motion made and seconded to reduce Training to \$990 – vote 7 – 0, unanimous.

We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our questions.

Cable Television:

Motion made and seconded to reduce the Appeals Board request to \$461 – vote 7 – 0, unanimous

Motion made and seconded to reduce Budget Committee request to \$314 – vote 7 – 0, unanimous

Discussion regarding Other Commodities carryover each year since 2012.

Motion made and seconded to reduce Other Commodities to \$1,000 – vote 7 – 0, unanimous.

Motion made and seconded to Accept this section as Amended – vote 7 – 0, unanimous.

Town Council:

Motion made and seconded to Accept as Presented with no recommendations – vote 7 – 0, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:25 pm and return to continue with the other items for review on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Post  
Secretary