**Minutes**

**Standish Budget Committee**

**Wednesday March 13, 2024**

**Standish Municipal Center, Council Chambers**

**175 Northeast Road Standish, Maine**

**5:00PM**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Steven Nesbitt.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Todd Delaney, Steven Nesbitt, Joseph Paul, Pam Smith, Lida Struebing, Carol Waig, & Heidi Watson (all present)

**Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

March 9, 2024 Meeting

Motion made by Todd Delaney to approve, seconded by Pam Smith.

**Vote: 7 Yeas**

**2024-2025 Budget Discussion**

* Handed out responses from the Finance Director for questions proposed by Lisa Struebing and Steven Nesbitt.
* Discussed and amended upcoming meeting schedule. Changes made due to committee member conflicts.
  + Meetings for March 19th and 20th were cancelled.
  + Meeting for March 23rd scheduled for 9AM to 1PM. Meeting to take place in council chambers and will be televised.
  + Heidi Watson made a motion to approve meeting changes, seconded by Todd Delaney.

**Vote: 7 Yeas**

* Reminder was made that the next budget meeting will be March 16th at 8AM in council chambers followed by a joint meeting with the Town Council. Town Council to receive budget Committee recommendation for the FY25 capital budget.
* FY25 Capital Budget Discussion
  + **Capital – Public Safety** (page 267)
    - Motion made by Todd Delaney to approve, seconded by Heidi Watson.
    - No further discussion.

**Vote: 7 Yeas**

* + **Capital – General Administration** (page 268)
    - Motion made by Todd Delaney, seconded by Lisa Struebing.
    - Discussion on whether HVAC units should be replaced since a crane was needed to remove them when repairs were being made. HVAC units are not due for a few more years and cost of a crane would not be significant enough to justify replacement now.

**Vote: 7 Yeas**

* + **Capital – Public Works** (Page 270)
    - Motion made by Todd Delaney, seconded by Pam Smith.
    - Comment made that the 4 CV International items are the snowplows that the Town approved in a referendum vote in March.
    - Discussion on the effectiveness of the Flagger in a can. Will they be used? Is there data or were there discussions with another Town that utilizes them? Lisa Struebing made a motion to table, no second, motion failed. Steven Nesbitt made a motion to reduce by $45,000 to remove flagger in a can from the budget, seconded by Lisa Struebing. Vote: 2 YEAS; 5 NAYS (Todd Delaney, Pam Smith, Joseph Paul, Heidi Watson, Carol Waig). Motion Failed.
    - Motion made by Todd Delaney to approve, seconded by Pam Smith.

**Vote: 6 Yeas; 1 Nay** (Lisa Stuebing)

* + **Capital – CY Highway Road Improvements** (page 271)
    - Motion made by Todd Delaney, seconded by Pam Smith.
    - No further discussion.

**Vote: 7 Yeas**

* General discussion was had on whether the items discussed tonight would be going out for bid. Yes, all items over $75,000 go out to bid unless waived by Town Council. The items discussed tonight would also have a referendum vote for approval. Each vote would be separated by department and at times individual items are separated out further and voted on separately.
* Discussion was brought up about possibly raising the Town Council stipend. It has been a long time since they were given a raise.
* Discussion about the extra money given for the Standish Summer Spectacular. Questioning on whether it was needed or not.
* General discussion on how the debt service works.
* Chair to ask Town for more information on flagger in a can. Committee has until March 16th to give recommendations for FY25 capital budget.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Todd Delaney and seconded by Joseph Paul.

**Vote: 7 Yeas**

Meeting adjourned at 5:49PM