

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
STANDISH, MAINE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018  
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pomerleau at 7:35 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilors present: Delcourt, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt, Pomerleau, Sirpis and Starostecki.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**21-1 Receive Budget Committee's Recommendations for the FY 2019 Municipal Budget  
[Pomerleau]**

Councilor Delcourt questioned the process that would be utilized tonight relating to the next order.

Chair Pomerleau confirmed the process they will be following, noting that a super majority of Councilors is needed to ratify the order as amended.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Starostecki and voted to dispense with the reading of the order.  
(Unanimous)

Sandra Cloutier, Budget Committee Member, thanked the Town's administration for their help during this process; she also acknowledged the Budget Committee Members and their efforts. Mrs. Cloutier announced that the Budget Committee respectfully rejects the Town Council budget as prescribed in Section 401 of the Charter. Mrs. Cloutier presented the committee's recommendations to the Town Council explaining their rationale behind each line item. A copy of their proposed recommendations is on file with these minutes.

Chair Pomerleau thanked the Budget Committee for their work.

Budget Committee member, Philip Pomerleau, read aloud the section on the Charter. It was his opinion that the Council would have to override the Budget Committee's recommendations and not accept; or accept their recommendations. It was his opinion that they couldn't debate their recommendations.

Councilor Nesbitt said that in past years the Council reviewed each of the Budget Committee's recommendations, voting on each of them by simple majority, noting a super-majority is needed on the final vote of the order including all the amendments.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt to accept number 1 through 19 of Budget Committee's recommendations.

Councilor Nesbitt said that he was not in favor of taking those items together.

Chair Pomerleau called for the vote on taking recommendations 1 through 19 with one vote.  
**(Yeas-Delcourt, Pomerleau, Sirpis – Nays-Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt and Starostecki)**

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Libby and voted to accept **Recommendation #1** of the Budget Committee - ***Assessing-Travel Expenditures*** – reduce the budget by 1,000. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to accept **Recommendation #2** of the Budget Committee - ***Assessing-Contractual*** – reduce the budget by \$3,000. (6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Nesbitt)

At this time Philip Pomerleau questioned if each of their votes needed to be a super-majority to override the Budget Committee's recommendations?

Councilor Nesbitt explained that a simple majority is needed for the amendments. He noted that the final order as amended needs to be ratified by a super-majority.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Higgins and voted to accept **Recommendation #3** of the Budget Committee - ***Assessing-Training*** – reduce the budget by \$1,000. (6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #4** of the Budget Committee - ***Code Enforcement-Contractual*** - reduce the budget by \$500. (3 Yeas – 4 Nay, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #5** of the Budget Committee - ***Code Enforcement-Training*** - reduce the budget by \$800. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #6** of the Budget Committee - ***Code Enforcement-Fuels and Lubrications*** - reduce the budget by \$300. (6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Nesbitt)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt Nesbitt and voted to accept **Recommendation #7** of the Budget Committee - ***General Administration – Postage*** - reduce the budget by \$1,000. (3 Yeas – 4 Nays, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt Nesbitt and voted to accept **Recommendation #8** of the Budget Committee - ***General Administration – Contractual*** - reduce the budget by \$2,000. (3 Yeas – 4 Nays, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt Nesbitt and voted to accept **Recommendation #9** of the Budget Committee - ***General Administration – Other Commodities*** - reduce the budget by \$1,000.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Libby and voted to amend the motion as follows: the amount of the ***General Administration – Other Commodities*** - reduce the budget by \$500.

Moved seconded and voted to reduce the amount of the ***General Administration – Other Commodities*** - budget by \$500. (4 Yeas – 3 Nays, Delcourt, Pomerleau and Sirpis)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to accept **Recommendation #10** of the Budget Committee - **General Administration – Town Reports** - reduce the budget by \$300. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #11** of the Budget Committee - **General Administration – New Equipment** - reduce the budget by \$600. (4 Yeas – 3 Nays, Higgins, Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #12** of the Budget Committee – **Cable TV - Contractual** - reduce the budget by \$2,000. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #13** of the Budget Committee – **Cable TV – Other Commodities** - reduce the budget by \$500. (5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Higgins and Nesbitt)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #14** of the Budget Committee – **Town Council – Council Standing Committees** - reduce the budget by \$1,250. (3 Yeas – 4 Nays, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt, and Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #15** of the Budget Committee – **Town Council – Contingency** - reduce the budget by \$2,000. (5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Libby and Nesbitt)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #16** of the Budget Committee – **Town Clerk - Contractual** - reduce the budget by \$3,000. (3 Yeas – 4 Nays, Higgins, Libby and Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Nesbitt and voted to accept **Recommendation #17** of the Budget Committee – **Town Clerk - Training** - reduce the budget by \$200. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #18** of the Budget Committee – **Town Clerk - Advertising** - reduce the budget by \$200. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #19** of the Budget Committee – **Finance – Training** - reduce the budget by \$200. (6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Nesbitt)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #20** of the Budget Committee – **Planning – Contractual** - reduce the budget by \$66,447.

Moved by Higgins seconded by Libby and voted to amend the **Planning – Contractual** as follows: amend **Planning – Contractual** to from \$66,447 to \$40,360. (5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Delcourt and Sirpis)

Moved seconded and voted to amend the **Planning – Contractual** to \$40,360. (4 Yeas – 3 Nays, Delcourt, Pomerleau and Sirpis)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #21** of the Budget Committee – **Appeals Board – Dues and Subscriptions** – reduce the budget by \$100. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #22** of the Budget Committee – ***Appeals Board – Contractual*** – reduce the budget by \$82. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Nesbitt and voted to accept **Recommendation #23** of the Budget Committee – ***Building Maintenance – Utilities*** – reduce the budget by \$3,000. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Higgins and voted to accept **Recommendation #24** of the Budget Committee – ***Public Safety - Training*** – reduce the budget by \$500. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #25** of the Budget Committee – ***Public Safety – Turnout Gear*** – reduce the budget by \$6,000. (0 Yeas – 7 Nays, Delcourt, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt, Pomerleau, Sirpis and Starostecki)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #26** of the Budget Committee – ***General Assistance – Contractual*** - reduce the budget by \$4,975. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #27** of the Budget Committee – ***Public Works – Salaries*** - reduce the budget by \$3,000. (3 Yeas – 4 Nays, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to accept **Recommendation #28** of the Budget Committee – ***Solid Waste – Contractual*** - reduce the budget by \$10,000. (3 Yeas – 4 Nays, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to accept **Recommendation #29** of the Budget Committee – ***Solid Waste – Fuels and Lubricants*** - reduce the budget by \$200. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Higgins and voted to accept **Recommendation #30** of the Budget Committee – ***Solid Waste – Other Commodities*** - reduce the budget by \$500. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Higgins and voted to accept **Recommendation #31** of the Budget Committee – ***Recreation – Parks & Facility Maintenance*** - reduce the budget by \$9,250. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Delcourt and voted to accept **Recommendation #32** of the Budget Committee – ***Recreation – Contractual*** - reduce the budget by \$8,150.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Libby and voted to amend the motion by moving the \$7,500 to be taken from the Special Revenue Funding and eliminate \$650 for mileage from the line. (5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Pomerleau and Sirpis)

Moved by Higgins seconded by Nesbitt and voted to take \$7,500 from the Special Revenue Funding and eliminate \$650 for mileage from the line. (5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Pomerleau and Sirpis)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Starostecki and voted to accept **Recommendation #33** of the Budget Committee – ***Recreation – New Equipment*** – increase the budget by \$9,250. (5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Delcourt and Sirpis)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Nesbitt and voted to accept **Recommendation #34** of the Budget Committee – ***Recreation – Contractual*** – reduce the budget by \$2,500. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Libby and voted to accept **Recommendation #35** of the Budget Committee – ***Donations – North Gorham Library*** – increase the budget by \$1,000. (Yeas 1 – 6 Nays, Delcourt, Higgins, Libby, Pomerleau, Sirpis and Starostecki)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to accept **Recommendation #36** of the Budget Committee – ***Capital Projects – Public Safety*** – decrease the budget by \$68,000.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to accept **Recommendation #36** of the Budget Committee – ***Capital Projects – Public Safety*** – decrease the budget by \$5,800. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Nesbitt and voted to accept the amended Recommendation **#36** of the Budget Committee – ***Capital Projects – Public Safety*** – decrease the budget by \$5,800. (7 Yeas)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to accept **Recommendation #37** of the Budget Committee – ***Capital Projects – General Administration*** – decrease the budget by \$20,000. (7 Yeas)

Councilor Nesbitt noted that the Budget Committee recommended future recommendations, however he'd like to consider #5 and #6 of those recommendation of at this time.

*Recommendation #5:*

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Libby and voted to move \$36,000 from Recreation Department Capital to the Recreation Special Revenue Fund to fund the multi-passenger van. (7 Yeas)

*Recommendation #6:*

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Higgins and voted to increase the use of surplus by \$50,000 to decrease the mil rate. (7 Yeas)

Chair Pomerleau questioned if the Council wanted to address the Budget Committee's Future Recommendation #1 through #4?

Councilor Sirpis called for a straw poll to get a sense of the Council's opinion on #2 to bring the Medical Reimbursement services in house.

The consensus was to not support this recommendation at this time.

Scott Gesualdi, the town's Finance Director referenced future recommendation #3, explaining that the Town does have a block of cell phones that are paid by each department that uses them. He also spoke to the Medical Reimbursement recommendation, noting that staff would have to go through training to be able to take this process on. It is his opinion that outsourcing it more efficient.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Nesbitt and voted to postpone action on future recommendations #1 - # 4 until next year. (Unanimous)

Councilor Sirpis thanked the Budget Committee for their work on this year's budget.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Libby and voted on the order as amended.

### **VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Delcourt and Pomerleau**

Budget Committee member, Philip Pomerleau voiced his concerns regarding the process that was used to amend the Budget Committee's recommendations. He suggested that a legal opinion is sought to ensure that the process followed the Charter.

Budget Committee member, Wells Lyons supported the process that the Council used as they reviewed the Budget Committee's recommendations.

### **22-18 Authorize Purchase of New Munis Accounting Server [Libby]**

Councilor Libby explained that this is for an upgrade to our computer system.

Scott Gesualdi the Town Finance Director explained that funding was approved in the budget to upgrade our computer server.

### **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

### **PUBLIC ITEMS**

- Public Works - Notice that a portion of Route 25 in the vicinity of Ossipee Trail Gardens will be closed this weekend for emergency bridge repairs.
- Council Higgins - The SAD 6 Budget Advisory Committee continues to work on the school budget. Kudos, to the school for having reserve funds to upgrade their waste water system. Additionally, reserve funds are being utilized to update the science labs.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Upcoming meetings

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

Move by Libby seconded by Sirpis and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Secretary