

SPECIAL SELECTPERSON'S SPECIAL MEETING
Department Budgets (3)
June 20, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Rumford Falls Auditorium

PRESENT: Chairperson Gregory Buccina, Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Selectperson Bradford Adley, Selectperson Jolene Lovejoy, Town Manager Carlo Puiia. Absent: Selectperson Frank DiConzo

ATTENDEES: Lynden Clarke Jr., Allan Gallant, Daryl Simard, Arthur Chappell, Eric Davis, Gayle Sirois, Pam Bevins, Fred Stone, Luke Sorensen, Candice Casey, Henry Zinck, Robert Chase, Michael Peter Chase, Judy Whittemore, Louanne Cameron, Rob Cameron, Wayne Gallant, Elaine McKenna, Linnell Geronda, Tom Bourret, Debbie Laurinaitis, Terri Palmer, Dottie Blood, Dorothea Cayer, Harry Every, Leo Jolin Sr., Phillip Zinck, Pam Nicols, Bruce Myles, Kevin Saisi, Bill O'Neill, Roger and Barbara Arsenault, Brian Arsenault, Ryan Palmer, Pete Rideout, Heather Sorensen, Andrea York, Hannah Davis, Stefanie Wilson, Terry Karkos, Richard Blanchard, Steve Zadakis, Michelle Zadakis, Alan Gerace, Stacy Carter, Tom Carey, Beth Bellegarde, Rick Kent, Len Greaney, Jennifer Kreckel, Jim Carter, Matt Kaubris, Phil Blampied, Rick Greene, Amanda Spitzer, Chad Ramsdell, Zoe Crump, Maxwell Spitzer, Arthur Chappell, Susan Adley, Sherry Milligan, Diane Mitchell, Brian Mitchell, Susan Adley

Continuation of June 19, 2013 meeting:

EE. Information Center

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$6,500 for the Information Center. Vote: 4-0

FF. Maine State Retirement – Town Employees

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$78,000 for Maine State Retirement – Town Employees. Vote: 4-0

GG. Utilities

The Town Manager explained that the fire hydrant rental fees alone account for \$355,000 and the streetlight cost is \$126,000 for 754 units. He also gave a breakdown of costs for the removal of street lights.

Ms. Lovejoy mentioned that residents can pay CMP to keep a streetlight near them at a cost of \$15 per month.

The Town Manager reminded the Board that we removed 46 street lights last year.

Mr. Adley would like to remove 150 streetlights for a cost savings of approximately \$24,150.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$459,850 for Utilities. Vote: 3-1, Mr. Buccina opposed.

HH. Maine State Retirement – Police and Fire

Ms. Lovejoy made a motion to approve \$137,000 for Maine State Retirement – Police and Fire. Vote: 4-0

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II. Health Department

Ms. Lovejoy asked about seeking other ambulance services.

The Town Manager explained that we have a inter-local agreement with Med-Care until 2018.

Mr. Adley mentioned that we had researched this previously with other providers and found that Med-Care's cost of service was a very good price.

The Town Manager explained that this is a clear example of working together with other towns cooperatively in a manner that works well.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$119,860 for Health Department. Vote: 4-0

JJ. Solid Waste

The Town Manager explained that the assessment for NORSW is \$372,000 which is a regionalized service commitment with other towns, curbside trash pickup is \$142,000 and Recycle Bins are \$1,000.

Mr. Adley asked if we have a contract in effect with Archies for trash pick up.

The Town Manager answered that the contract has expired at this time.

Rob Cameron suggested we consider trash pickup every other week.

Peter Chase reminded the Board that public safety budgets were slashed and he felt residents could haul their own trash to save the \$142,000 in costs.

Ms. Lovejoy mentioned that the town of Dixfield does not have curbside trash pickup and residents have private contractors pick up their trash, which might work for us.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$372,000 for Solid Waste and eliminate curbside trash pickup.

Vote: 3-1, Mr. Buccina opposed.

KK. Municipal Planning

Candice Casey asked about eliminating Maine Municipal Association from this budget.

The Town Manager explained that we need to keep them as our Worker's Compensation is through them and it is less costly.

Chris Bourgeois believes MMA provides a lot of information.

The Town Manager further explained that we use them as a second resource for legal opinions.

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$23,750 for Municipal Planning. Vote: 4-0

LL. Charter Commission

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$1,500 for the Charter Commission. Vote: 4-0

MM. Debt Service

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$148,685 for Debt Service. Vote: 3-1, Mr. Buccina opposed.

NN. Capital Improvement

Mr. Buccina made a motion to approve \$423,000 for Capital Improvements. Vote: 3-1, Ms. Lovejoy opposed.

OO. Social Security / Insurances

Mr. Adley made a motion to approve \$1,266,400 for Social Security / Insurances. Vote: 4-0

II. Contingency

Mr. Sterling made a motion to approve \$15,000 for Contingency. Vote: 4-0

4. Adjournment

Mr. Adley made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Vote: 4-0

Carlo J. Puiia
Town Manager

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