

Town of Boscawen
Budget Committee Public Hearing – Final
Boscawen Municipal Complex
February 8, 2017 at 6pm

Present: Martha Crete, Gail Egounis, Barbara Randall, Doddy Fisher, Edward Cherian, Bruce Crawford, Rhoda Hardy, Roger Sanborn, Mark Varney, Alan Hardy, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman, Pam Hardy, Kellee Jo Easler, Nicole Hoyt, Ray Fisher, Katie Phelps.

Absent: Will Swyers, Michelle Brochu, Bernie Davis

Chairman Edward Cherian opened the meeting at 6:10pm. Roll Call Completed.

Bruce Crawford was appointed as a voting member.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2017 meeting made by Martha Crete, and seconded by Bruce Crawford. All in favor.

The Committee reviewed a change made since the last meeting in the Planning & Community Development, section 5, second page. There is a section on pest and dog control for \$500. It doesn't get used often. It is in the health budget. Alan asked Chief Wyman if they still use that money. Chief Wyman says it was used for fees at the SPCA. They now have a contract at Riverside Vet. They may have to use it if that arrangement falls through.

The complete budget is \$3,591,486.98. In the 2017 proposed warrant articles, article 8, it shows the 2016 contributions, balance, and 2017 proposed contributions.

Edward Cherian said the warrant articles for 2016 should be zero as of December 31, 2016. Alan agreed.

Motion to accept the amended budget made by Martha Crete, seconded by Gail Egounis. All in favor.

Gail Egounis inquired about the encumbrance for road paving. She didn't see it in the expense section of the budget. It would have hit last year's budget. It's a 2016 expense that's carried forward to the 2017 balance sheet. You have to debit the expense and credit the encumbrance. On the operating budget, the 2016 actual for highways and streets is \$400,000 and the budget is \$630,000. Alan and Pam said the encumbrances are on the balance sheet. Discussion ensued.

Alan said they are negotiating with the City of Concord to use the reserve of \$304,000 and the \$48,000 budgeted this year to offset the sewer expense. We are also doing a rate study. We are looking to extend this cost over time instead of bonding. The Warrant article for this has been removed.

Gail Egounis asked if it was possible to use impact fees towards this sewer project. The connection fees were already charged for the new buildings but impact fees won't be used. Impact fees can only be used for specific purposes. Discussion ensued regarding sewer infrastructure.

Chairman Cherian opened the public hearing on the budget and closed with no public comment.

Motion to adjourn made by Bruce Crawford, and seconded by Gail Egounis. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Phelps