

Rye Budget Committee
Budget Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2020
6:30pm

Attendees: Jaci Grote, Chair, Peggy Balboni, Vice Chair, Doug Abrams, Jeff Ross, Kevin Brandon, Dania Seglie, Scott Marion, Phil Winslow, Ralph Hickson

The chair opened the meeting at 6:30 with the attestation to meet remotely followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance. All votes are roll call votes.

Roll call votes total 9.

Sally McFarland and Sally King
4611-53 Conservation Commission

This budget line item was tabled at the 11/19 meeting due to concern by the budget committee that legal expenses were too conservative. After careful review the Conservation Committee wants to increase legal services from \$23,000 to \$25,000 and consulting fees from \$2,000 to \$20,000. This increases the total budget for this commission to \$110,850. Dania Seglie motioned to recommend with a second from Scott Marion. Vote was unanimous.

Phil Winslow
4589-54 Historic District Commission

The budget committee tabled this line item at the 11/19 meeting needed clarity on the budget regarding a possible grant match. The historic district commission now includes \$2000 for a matching grant possibility from the preservation alliance. The budget is now \$3,310 – this figure was moved by Scott Marion with a second from Kevin Brandon. Vote was unanimous.

Doug Abrams leaves the meeting – votes now total 8.

Capital Outlay – this is part of the town budget and voted as part of the budget total.

The capital outlay budget presented tonight includes:

\$29,782 for the town hall – portable storage system for town clerk, keyless entry security for town hall.

\$39,339 for town computers – replacements, upgrades and a remote meeting capability in court room

\$68,840 for the police department - \$6800 for rifles and \$62,000 for a camera, audio and door access security system.

\$90,000 for public work – drainage analysis \$30,000 for East Atlantic and \$60,000 for South and Sea Road

\$13,790 for conservation barn upgrade

\$30,000 storm water management

Total is \$271,751 that was moved by Ralph Hickson and seconded by Kevin Brandon. Vote was unanimous.

Warrant articles that relate to expendable trust fund and capital reserves were read and voted on by the budget committee.

Warrant on \$100,000 to be raised for the highway capital fund to be added to the current amount of \$237,435. Motioned by Ralph Hickson and second by Jeff Ross. Unanimous

Warrant of \$100,000 to be raised for the ambulance and fire capital fund to be added to the current \$282,163. Motioned by Kevin Brandon and seconded by Dania Seglie. Unanimous.

Warrant of \$30,000 to be raised for the expenses for the reevaluation for the town to be done in the fall of 2021. Motioned by Jeff Ross and second from Scott Marion. Unanimous

Warrant of \$3,000 for the Grove Road capital fund to be added to the current \$12,750. Motioned by Scott Marion with second by Dania Seglie. Unanimous.

The four warrants above are listed under account capital reserve 4915-69 and total \$233,000. In addition to recommending the warrants, the budget committee voted to recommend the \$233,000 for this account line items moved by Ralph Hickson with a second from Dania Seglie. Unanimous.

Warrant for \$50,000 for the accumulated leave fund where we have currently \$205,000 with a target of \$500,000. Moved by Scott Marion with a second from Jeff Ross. Unanimous.

Warrant for \$35,000 for the municipal maintenance fund that currently holds \$157,000. Motion made by Kevin Brandon and second from Scott Marion. Unanimous

Warrant for \$10,000 for the library accumulated leave fund that currently contains \$19,000. Motion made by Ralph Hickson and a second by Scott Marion. Unanimous.

Warrant for \$5,000 for the library maintenance fund for maintenance of the building. At this time there is \$65,000 in this fund. Motion made by Peggy Balboni and a second from Scott Marion. Unanimous.

These four warrants are found in the expendable trust line item 4916-70 and total \$100,000. The motion to recommend the \$100,000 was made by Phil Winslow and second from Scott Marion. Unanimous.

A last warrant for \$200,000 for a back hoe, front end loader for the transfer station. The town has one such vehicle and it is no longer possible for it to be shared between the transfer station and the highway department. The older one will not be sold but kept. This is an expenditure from the highway capital fund and has no tax impact. Motion to recommend was made by Scott Marion with a second from Ralph Hickson. Unanimous

Another work session meeting was scheduled for January 7th at 6:30 to handle last minute additions to the budget.

At 8:16pm a motion to adjourned made by Scott Marion and a second by Kevin Brandon.
Unanimous.