

Budget Committee Meeting
Work Session and Public Hearing
January 13, 2022

Budget committee work session started at 6:34 pm

Attendees: Chairperson Jaci Grote, Shawn Crapo, Tom King, Dania Seiglie, Jeff Ross, Ralph Hickson, Scott Marion (called in), Peggy Balboni, and Suzanne Barton.

Chairperson, Jaci Grote opens meeting with the pledge of allegiance

HDC and RHD

Staircase \$4800 the question is not that we should not repair the staircase but whether the building has the integrity to have it replaced.

Mae Bradshaw speaks to the staircase. One staircase is in good shape, and one is in very poor shape. This is a historic project. They are hoping to get historic grants for this project. The plan is that the only people who will remain here after the project is done are the building and planning departments. The HDC have 18 months to get this work done after they receive the grant. There are three phases to this project. Phase 1 is moving Treasurer, Clerks, and Assessing to the Annex. Phase 2 is an expansion off the back would be finance and administration. Phase 3 is second floor building, zoning, and planning.

Chairperson, Jaci Grote recommends that we approve the HDC budget and have a meeting with the select board to see what their intentions are with the plans between the Town Hall and Town Annex. Peggy Balboni agrees that there is a lot of unknown. Bids will go out on 1/31 and will be done 2/28.

Shawn Crapo recommends that we approve the \$9500. Second by Suzanne Barton. All in favor.

Capital Outlay

Visioning Chapter \$20,000 for the place holder was a second item tabled from previous meetings.

Mr. King, BOS representative, speaks to this capital outlay as we need some help with the visioning chapter of the master plan – the work would continue with the outside contractor currently hired for this project. We have the data has been collected so far from the public hearing and the online. This is as needed to continue this effort such as collecting and analyzing the data.

Suzanne Barton asks how the response to the survey was. Becky Bergeron response is she is unsure. Tom King responds that there was a lot of data and the BOS thinks some help is needed for analyzing the data. Suzanne Barton says she thinks it would be good for the town folk to get feedback from the survey. Scott Marion feels this would be good money spent. Wants to understand the concerns. Chairperson, Jaci Grote responds that we need to know what the total project demands are in relationship to the master plan. She is trying to understand how the changes in town can be reflected in the plan - the town is not what it was 20 years ago. Suzanne Barton and Shawn Crapo agree with Chairperson, Jaci Grote.

The Master plan needs to be completed sometime in 2024. Dominique Weinbaum, a member of public, speaks to the discussion of how long this will take, and she thinks we need a steering committee for this.

Shawn Crapo speaks to \$1000 and use it as a placeholder. Recommend speaking to the Selectmen at the Deliberating session for more clarification and possible add to the budget. Scott Marion moves to \$1000 for the development of the Master plan. Second by Ralph Hickson. All in favor. 7 in favor, 2 opposed.

Next is another Capital Outlay for the Boiler Replacement \$27,741.00 for the Town Hall.

Becky Bergeron responds that they originally had a quote for \$15,000. Dowling came in with this latest quote. Selectmen have approved it. Dowling is an approved Vendor. Peggy Balboni moves to recommend and Doug Abrams seconds. All in favor.

Total Capital Outlay is \$108,349. Suzanne Barton moves to recommend, and Shawn Crapo seconds the motion. All in favor.

Total Operating Budget \$11,151,534 Shawn Crapo moves to recommend, second by Scott Marion. All in favor, unanimous.

Warrant Articles

Article \$100,000 Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund - Shawn Crapo moves to recommend, Peggy Balboni seconds. All in favor.

Article \$30,000 Wastewater Asset Management Plan-m Scott Marion moves to recommend, Suzanne Barton seconds. All in favor.

Public Hearing

At 7:54pm, Peggy Balboni makes a motion to go into the public hearing, second by Suzanne Barton. All in favor.

Chairperson Jaci Grote opens with speaking to the warrant articles then giving the public a chance to ask questions about it. If go the town website you will find the budget.

Mr. Borne, Wallis Road, speaks to the \$100,000 Warrant Article Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This is to do the annex and renovations? Yes

The lifeguard line questions about salary and did salary increase? Yes and competitive with other towns.

2022 Parson Creek Fecal Contamination Report. This report tells us that this is coming from family's sewer systems. Becky Bergeron speaks that the Planning and Zoning committee will be working on this and have a grant for this. Shawn Crapo asks if it will include towns that surround Rye or just Rye. He suggests that we put input into the Masterplan.

MS. Dominique Winebaum, Cable Road, speaks \$20,000 for Planning and Zoning for above and beyond. Expressed her concerns for the master plan and town planning.

Public hearing ended at 8:15pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm with a motion by Shawn Crapo and a second by Peggy Balboni. All in favor