

Budget Committee
February 2, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Town Hall
Precinct District Budget

Meeting opened at 6:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Present – Jaci Grote, Chair, Peggy Balboni, Vice Chair, Tom King, Selectman’s Rep. Scott Marion, School Rep, Ralph Hickson, Water District Rep, Dania Seiglie, Jeff Ross, Suzanne Barton, Deb Crapo, Jenness Village Beach District

Meeting Minutes approval

12/16 meeting – Dania Seiglie motions to approve with second from Scott Marion – all in favor

12/7 meeting - Ralph noted that the last motion be corrected to Ralph Hickson – Ralph Hickson motions to approve with second from Dania Seiglie – all in favor

1/12 meeting – Suzanne Barton motions to approve with a second from Scott Marion – all in favor

1/13 meeting – Scott Marion motions to approve with a second from Dania Seiglie – all in favor

Rye Beach District Budget

Frank Drake – treasurer report, district budget and warrant article

Budget – most items are reduction except insurance. Motion to recommend \$140,852 made by Scott Marion with a second from Peggy Balboni – all in favor

Warrant Article

The district received \$15435 from FEMS for sidewalk repairs on route 1A by Farragut Hotel site that has been sitting in the district general funds. The article requests to move the monies to a dedicated fund. DRA has approved the warrant.

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Note that if this warrant passes the \$15,435 would be removed from the \$120,405 surplus funds.

Jenness Beach District Budget

Deb Crapo represented the JVD

The town contracts 34 hydrants in the district. The town cleans the beach so there are few expenses for the district other than the hydrants and water rental.

Scott Marion moved to recommend the \$92,645 with a second from Suzanne Barton – all in favor

Rye Water District Budget

Art Ditto presented the budget for the RWD.

No changes in Executive Department of \$9,925

Finance increase reflects the additional audit needed from the state for the route 1A project done \$16,585

Legal fees increased similarly to all other departments in town - \$20,000

Complex budget – electric, propane and maintenance

Breakfast Hill complex – water tank operation \$5,100

Booster Station – Washington Road near Whitehorse - \$17,100

Cedar/Bailey pump station – budget includes a new flow meter - \$30,500

Garland Road complex – rental of a portable office because the pump house is too noisy for housing employees – adds \$4000 to budget - \$33,300

Sagamore Road office – needs pipe repair and exit sign adds \$10,000 to budget- \$20,350

Insurance – no changes - \$17,277

Advertising for public notices, annual meeting and consumer confidence report - \$8,000

Administration – 4 F/T employees \$456,220

employee COLA , benefits, retirement and step increases similar to the town

three vehicles with plows on 6 year cycles

Water Services – engineering, parts and maintenance of system \$224,500

Water treatment – includes water purchased for Wentworth Road \$230,000

Debt service – loan for route 1A project ad design work for future projects. \$192,902

Capital Outlay – \$480,000

this category is for one time projects and includes;

Painting of the tank – might be paid from town ARPA funds -not confirmed

Interconnection with Portsmouth

Asset management – how to handle future water needs

Source investigation – where will our water come from in the future

Total operating budget \$1,761,760

Warrant Articles

Vote to appropriate \$852,000 for Wallis Road water main from Ocean Blvd to Odiorne Drive – shovel ready project – pipe is only 3 feet deep and does through corrosive marsh water.

Scott Marion motioned to recommend with a second from Dania Seiglie – all in favor

\$30,000 for the RWD Equipment and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund – Scott Marion motions to recommend with a second from Suzanne Barton – all if favor. (Current balance \$78,860.31)

\$30,000 for the storage tank maintenance expendable trust fund recommended by a motion from Scott Marion with a second from Debra Crapo – all in favor. (Current balance \$152,498.40)

\$15,000 for the System Replacement Capital Fund motion to recommend by Suzanne Barton with a second from Jeff Ross – all in favor. (Current balance \$137,115.41)

\$1,761,760 for the 2022 budget recommended with a motion from Scott Marion with a second from Dania Seiglie – all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm with a motion from Scott Marion with a second from Jeff Ross.