

Town of Rye
Budget Committee Meeting (District Budgets Public Hearing)
February 6, 2018

Present: Chair Jaci Grote, Clerk Peter Crawford, Vice Chair Peggy Balboni, Kevin Brandon, Randy Crapo (arrived at approximately 4:25 p.m. after the minutes had been approved), Phil Winslow, Ralph Hickson, Ray Jarvis and Alternate Shawn Crapo for the Rye Beach Village District. Absent: Doug Abrams, and Mae Bradshaw

Chair Jaci Grote called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Jaci Grote: Let's approve the minutes from January 10, 2018 and January 11, 2018.

Discussion regarding making the minutes shorter and more direct. The Minutes should reflect the essence of the meeting but not word for word. Board agrees that that going forward we will condense the minutes.

Chair Jaci Grote: Jaci will talk to Val. Do we have a motion to approve the minutes of January 10th as written?

Motion by Phil Winslow
Second by Kevin Brandon
All in favor

Chair Jaci Grote: Can I have a motion to approve the minutes of January 11th? That was the 19 pages.
Motion to accept by Ralph Hickson
Second by Shawn Crapo
All in favor

Chair Jaci Grote: Did everyone have a chance to read the minutes from the after Deliberative Session meeting on February 3rd? Can I have a motion to approve?
Motion to accept by Phil Winslow
Second by Ray Jarvis
All in Favor, except Kevin Brandon who abstained, as he was not there.

Chair Jaci Grote: Now we will start the public hearing portion of our meeting. Let's do the Rye Beach Village District and we have Frank Drake here to talk to us.

Frank Drake: You have 3 sheets before you. The treasurer's report which generates the figures in the middle column in the budget sheet. The operating budget, without considering the warrant article, is pretty much the same as the years before. The only new thing is the 4319 Tree Care, we have started

stump grinding and planting new trees so that we don't lose the treescape all at once. We planted 6 trees last year; we will probably do another six or seven this year, and so on.

Frank explains the program and Town residents can purchase a tree to offset the cost if they would like. The tree cost is approximately \$350.00 for a red maple. We consulted with Stratham Nursery and they dig the hole and plant the tree for \$600 total. Frank explains the areas that have been planted trees and what the scope of the program entails.

Peter Crawford: \$15,000 budget for Street Light Repair but only \$2300 spent?

Frank Drake: This is kind of a placeholder in case we lose a string of lights. We have had to do a new dig, new conduit, etc. We are in the process of getting a map of where we have conduit and where we don't.

Chair Jaci Grote: We replace them with LED lights right?

Frank Drake: Yes I would say 90% are now LED

Chair Jaci Grote: Any questions?

Frank Drake explains the funding requested and reserves.

Chair Jaci Grote: Can I have a motion to recommend?

Motion to recommend the proposed operating budget of \$136,100 by Phil Winslow

Second by: Kevin Brandon

All in favor

Frank Drake will speak to the warrant article. The Commissioners received a petition from 107 residents of the area requesting to replace the current lights. This is the replace the current lights with the "lollipop" lights that everyone else has. This is \$28,800.00.

Motion to approve article 6 by Phil Winslow

Second by Ralph Hickson

All in favor

Frank presents the copies of documents for signatures. There are two copies required for signature.

Chair Jaci Grote: Randy why don't you explain the Jenness Beach Precinct budget.

Randy Crapo explains the Jenness Beach Precinct budget and numbers to the Budget Committee. Street lighting is part of the budget. These should go down as part of the program goes through we should receive discounts. We have not had any legal fees but we continue to plan for them. Snow removal, no warrant articles, no other expenses. Expenses are less because of the light replacements.

Chair Jaci Grote: Can I have a motion to recommend?

Motion to recommend \$95,995 by Shawn Crapo.

Second by Peter Crawford

All in favor

Chair Jaci Grote: Rye Water District Budget is next.

Rye Water District Budget is presented by Art Ditto and Tom Clifford.

The Budget is explained by Art Ditto and discussed. The proposal for 2018 is \$1,656,748 with warrant articles. Last year the budget was \$1,308,887.00. Discussion of Complex Expenses (various tank, well and pumping facilities) and which items have increased.

Chair Jaci Grote asks an overview of questions about the budget regarding the vehicle repair. He explains that they are buying a power lift gate for the truck which is a major expense.

Water services includes general engineering support. Meters and accessories are up \$90,000 for fully radio read meters. We will be able to do drive by reads of the meters. We are required to read the meters four times a year which is very labor intensive. We need to update our equipment. This will save on manpower hours to offset the investment in the meters.

Water sampling costs have increased. We sample our wells. Debt service has remained the same. Capital outlay reviewed. Harbor Road waterline replacement due to two major breaks. Pipes were corroded and will probably be replaced with galvanized piping.

Chair Jaci Grote: Do I have a motion to approve the operating budget?

Motion to approve the operating budget of \$1,596,748 by Shawn Crapo.

Second by Kevin Brandon

All in favor

Next review of the warrant articles. First warrant article (number 3): \$30,000 addition to the Storage Tank Maintenance Expendable Trust. We are trying to build up a fund for the repairs.

Motion to recommend by Shawn Crapo.

Second by Phil Winslow

All in Favor

Warrant Article Number 4: \$15,000.00 addition to Unanticipated Expense Expendable Trust Fund

Motion to recommend by Randy Crapo

Second by Kevin Brandon

All in Favor

Warrant Article Number 5: \$15,000 addition to Equipment and Buildings Capital Reserve.

Motion to recommend Shawn Crapo

Second by Randy Crapo

All in Favor

Article 6 has already been voted on.

Article 7 will have the Budget Committee recommendation deleted from the warrant as it is a non-money warrant article.

Discussion of the revenues.

Motion to Adjourn by Shawn Crapo

Second by Kevin Brandon

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

School Deliberative Session

The same members who were present at this meeting were also present at the School Deliberative Session, 6:30 p.m. at Rye Junior High. The minutes of that meeting should reflect the participation of the various Budget Committee members as citizens in that meeting. Following adjournment of the Deliberative Session, Chairman Grote informed the Budget Committee members that no separate meeting was needed as there had been no change to any of the warrant articles.