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BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES
Corrections in bold and italics.

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018
6:30 p.m. - Town Offices**

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCUmJqZvFTS23RMEFSDQzmw>.

Present: Chairman Lootens, Bob Theve, Selectmen's Representative Albee, Helen Hartshorn, Gordon Hunt, Guy Pike, John Libby and Karen Koch.

OPEN MEETING: After declaring a quorum, Chairman Lootens opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Looten's shared that the Committee is a little behind schedule and there is a possibility that additional meeting(s) may be necessary. Chairman Lootens spoke to her disagreement with both Max Ledoux posting employee health and dental breakdown information on his website as well as his feeling that the Budget Committee has been impeded. The discussion was opened up only to Committee members. Chairman Lootens requested that the health and dental information be taken off of Mr. Ledoux's website. It was agreed that the Selectmen would be the ones to decide whether to pursue Mr. Ledoux's **possible** violation of RSA 91-A:5 further. Chairman Lootens reminded the public that the only official recordings of the Budget Committee meetings are the ones supplied by Joe Kowalski, not ones on social media that have commentaries.

APPOINTMENTS/BUDGET REVIEWS:

4194 General Government Buildings

Jack Parsons and Selectmen's Representative Albee responded to questions regarding budget 4194. It was confirmed that the budgeted Town Offices air conditioning/heating units are the ones that were originally listed in the CIP Report as a warrant article. The design for a septic system to the existing Library has been sent to the State for approval. Once the design is approved the project can be sent out to bid. There was also discussion regarding bidding for lawn maintenance, breakdown of individual electric lines, Town Offices window replacement, highway building maintenance, Selectmen's reduction in some lines based on 2017 expenditures, etc.

Motion: Gordon Hunt moved to approve budget 4194 for \$133,013, seconded by Bob Theve. Vote passed 6-1. Guy Pike against as he feels that lawn maintenance should be put out to bid more often.

4313 Other Highways & Streets

Jack Parsons presented budget 4313. He shared that permitting will be needed for the Pier 19 Wharf and retaining wall on Lake Road.

Motion: Helen Hartshorn moved to approve budget 4313 for \$6,500, seconded by Guy Pike. In response to John Libby it was confirmed that the 2017 overage in budget line 01-4313-20-680 Docks & Bridges was mainly due to the Sodom Road bridge repair proposal and River Reach dock repair. Vote passed 7-0.

4324 Solid Waste (revisit)

Clay Gallagher explained that the Selectmen added \$5500 to budget line 01-4324-01-741 New Equipment for a new snow box pusher, explained the use and benefits of the pusher, timeliness of the quote, unavailability of 2017 funds for this item and increase in revenue since he has been Transfer Station Supervisor.

Motion: Bob Theve moved to revise the previous motion made for budget 4324 and increase the total budget to \$371,122, seconded by Helen Hartshorn. Vote passed 7-0.

4414 Animal Control

Selectmen's Representative Albee explained that the Selectmen reduced this budget based on past expenditures.

Motion: Guy Pike moved to approve budget 4414 for \$1,750 seconded by Bob Theve. Vote passed 7-0.

4415 Health Agencies

No funds were included for Application Mountain Teen Project as it is defunct. Medication Bridge didn't require funding for 2018. There was discussion regarding use of some of the agencies, supporting documentation, etc. White Horse Addiction Center will initially need to be placed on the Town Warrant prior to becoming part of the budget as is typically done for new health agency requests.

Motion: Helen Hartshorn moved to approve budget 4415 for \$39,706, seconded by Chairman Lootens. Vote passed 6-1. John Libby against as he feels that further backup documentation should be provided by the agencies.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Lootens called for review and approval of the 12/14/17 minutes.

Motion: Bob Theve moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Guy Pike. Vote passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Graphs: Helen Hartshorn shared updated graphs which includes what the Committee voted on today. 2017 actual spending through mid-December is also reflected on the graphs.

BOS Update: Selectmen's Representative Albee shared his opinion and understanding regarding encumbrances. He also responded to Guy Pike regarding his previous comment regarding the County's health insurance.

MEETING DATES: The Budget Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on January 16, 2018 at the Town Offices.

PUBLIC INPUT: Chairman Lootens responded to Max Ledoux regarding public exposure to employees' dental and health insurance information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: On a motion made by Bob Theve, seconded by Selectmen's Representative Albee. Vote passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Prepared and submitted by: Karen Koch