

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
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**BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**6:30 p.m. - Town House**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2019**

**Present:** Chairman Gordon Hunt, Penny Hug, Bob Theve, Gary Chehames, Barry Ennis, Selectmen's Representative Chip Albee, Helen Hartshorn and Cathy Pounder.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**REVIEW / APPROVAL OF 8/12/2020 MINUTES:** Ms. Hug made a motion to approve the August 12, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Hartshorn. Motion Carried 7-0.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Hunt shared preferences in the budget review process with the Board.

1. Chairman prefers not to table issues
2. Chairman is not a fan of reconsiderations

**BUDGET REVIEWS:**

**4152 REVALUATION OF PROPERTY**

Mr. Ennis inquired why 2019 was higher than the past 4 years. Selectman Albee stated it was due to the Town's required DRA 5 year revaluation.

**Motion:** Ms. Hug made a motion to approve \$46,224 for budget 4152, seconded by Mr. Theve. Motion Carried 7-0.

**4199 OTHER GOV.**

Selectman Albee informed the Board that the Joint Lost committee account needs to continue to be active. Ms. Hartshorn informed the Board the CIP needs their funds for copies and paperwork, for many years it was done without refunding the member who processed the work.

**Motion:** Ms. Hartshorn made a motion to approve \$475 for budget 4199, seconded by Ms. Hug. Motion carried 7-0.

**4414 ANIMAL CONTROL**

Animal Control and collecting on unlicensed dogs were discussed.

**Motion:** Ms. Hartshorn made a motion to approve \$1,750.00 for budget 4414, seconded by Ms. Hug. Motion carried 7-0.

**4442 DIRECT ASSISTANCE**

Selectman Albee stated the Selectmen made the following adjustments to this budget as the need has been met by other community organizations in addition to the Town:

Shelter decreased by \$6,500, Food decreased by \$500, Electric & Telephone decreased by \$2,500.

**Motion:** Mr. Theve made a motion to approve \$12,250 for budget 4442, seconded by Ms. Hartshorn. Motion carried 7-0.

**4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

The Board discussed the Legion's activities and contributions to the community.

**Motion:** Ms. Hartshorn made a motion to approve \$1,500 for budget 4583, seconded by Ms. Hug. Motion carried 7-0.

**4589 GIFTS & DONATIONS**

Selectman Albee explained this budget was to recognize public service activities in the Town.

**Motion:** Mr. Theve moved to approve \$500 for budget 4589, seconded by Ms. Hartshorn. Motion carried 7-0.

**4711 LONG TERM BOND & NOTES**

Chairman Hunt stated this budget is for the Central Fire Station principal.

**Motion:** Ms. Hartshorn made a motion to approve \$153,711 for budget 4711, seconded by Ms. Hug. Motion carried 7-0.

**4721 INTEREST-LONG TERM BOND & NOTES**

Chairman Hunt stated this budget is for the Central Fire Station interest.

**Motion:** Mr. Theve made a motion to approve \$26,792 for budget 4721, seconded by Ms. Hartshorn. Motion carried 7-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CIP UPDATE:** Ms. Hartshorn informed the Board there were 2 CIP meetings. The Fire Department presented their projects at the one meeting and the Transfer station presented their projects at the other. She stated the CIP were still in the process of coming up with the proper capacity for the year but as usual there will be plenty of projects lined up to overspend it.

**BOS UPDATE:**

Selectmen's Representative Albee shared the Selectmen found out the Cost of Living rate would not be announced until October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Department, Transfer Station and the Police Department are close to done with the exception of salaries. The Health Insurance rates will not be set until after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Health Insurance and income were discussed. Chairman asked for an update with the Police Station progress. Selectman Albee informed the Board that the construction services RFP has been created and the site visit completed. The Board discussed grants their requirements, their amounts and the possibility of applying and receiving more. Construction costs were discussed. Mr. Chehames, Mr. Theve and Selectman Albee discussed future needs and the committee's responsibilities to the residents of the Town. Selectman Albee recommended the Board cancel their October 20<sup>th</sup> as the Selectmen will not have enough to submit to the Budget committee.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The consensus was to cancel the meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Town House.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** At 7:17 pm, Ms. Hug made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Theve. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Pounder, Administrative Secretary