

**Town of Effingham
Budget Committee Meeting
January 29, 2019**

Call to Order: 6:30 PM
Location: Effingham Municipal Office Building
Members Present: 6:30 PM - David Strauss, Leo Racine, Lenny Espie (Selectmen's Rep.), Chuck Fuller, Jory Augenti, Tim Eldridge.
Other Present: None
Members Absent: Mellisa Seamans – excused
Minutes By: Chuck Fuller

Actions

Motion: "To approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019" by Racine, 2nd Espie with corrections noted below.
Edit item correction: Motion: "To recommend \$15,000 for Town Hall Maintenance/Upgrades" by Fuller, 2nd Seamans, Passed Unanimous" to "To recommend \$15,000 for Town Hall Maintenance/Upgrades" by Fuller, 2nd Seamans, vote 5 Yes, No 1, Strauss opposed".
Edit item correction: Heading date from 1/8/2019 to 1/15/2018.

Motion: 4901 - Article 21 – "To recommend \$225,000 to be applied from the General Fund to Bridge Maintenance for Elm Street Bridge" by Strauss, 2nd Racine. Passed unanimous roll call.

Motion: 4901 – Article 10 – "To recommend dissolving the ETF Municipal Auditing to General Fund in amount of \$16,400" by Strauss, 2nd Racine, passed unanimous roll call.

Motion: 4901 – Article 25 – "To NOT recommend the petition for Granite Road Bridge in the amount of \$50,000" by Strauss, 2nd by Racine, vote 5 Yes, No 1, Augenti opposed.

Motion: 4901 – Article 11 (Trustees Correction) – "To recommend \$2,500 be moved from the Fire/Equipment ETF to the General Fund" by Strauss, 2nd Eldridge, passed unanimous roll call.

Motion: 4901 – Article 12(Trustees Correction) – "To recommend \$2,500 be applied to the Emergency Management ETF" by Strauss, 2nd Eldridge, passed unanimous roll call.

Motion: 4901 – (no Article number yet) "To recommend \$10,000 to pay Ossipee Parks & Recreation for 2018 lapsed payment" by Strauss, 2nd Eldridge, passed unanimous roll call.

- Debated the usage of the lapsed bridge funds from last year for usage on the current received bids for Elm street abutment/deck repairs.
- Debated the pros and cons of increasing the budget \$50,000 and the fact that a trust already existed for Municipal bridges.
- Debated the transfer of funds from the fire truck/equipment trust to the Emergency management trust that the trustees had identified.
- Debated Ossipee Parks & Recreation non-payment per the budget to actual. The warrant is for monies that have lapsed from the fund balance.
- Debated 4916 Expendable Trust Funds - Article Clarification: Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund & Town Hall Maintenance/Upgrades previously approved Town Warrant Articles. DRA recommended only 1 Town Warrant Article. Select Board combined previously approved \$5,000 and \$15,000 into one \$20,000 Town Warrant Article. No vote needed as committee had previously voted to approve each individual warrant.
- Chair handed out draft copy of MS-737. Review prior to next meeting. David will scan and send out to all Budget Committee members.
- Chair handed out copy of 2018 town tax breakdown. Strauss-The 10/1/2018 fund balance of \$561,385 was discussed in 3 phone calls to DRA in relation to the previous years. Explained how DRA projects revenue based on assessment and fund balance is not an exact amount. Even though Marist was not paying the full tax bill their full assessment was projected as a revenue source which showed in our unreserved fund balance. The status of non-profit for Marist reduced that projected revenue.

Next meeting: February 5, 2019. 630 PM Budget Committee; 700 PM Public Hearing
 The snow date is February 8th - 630 PM Budget Committee; 700 PM Public Hearing

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. by Racine 2nd by Eldridge, passed unanimous roll call.

The deadline for citizen petition warrant articles is February 5, 2019 (NH RSA 39:3)

Minutes approved by majority vote on 02/05/19.