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**Effingham Budget Committee Minutes**  
**68 School Street, Effingham**  
**December 8, 2020**  
**Live and Conference Call**

**Members Present:** Dave Strauss (chair), Leo Racine (vice chair), Chuck Fuller (selectmen's rep), David Garceau, Tim Eldridge, Ben Eldridge, Theresa joined at 6:20pm.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Nate Fogg, Mike Cahalane (selectman), Tom Hart (selectman).

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

**Minutes**

The Budget Committee (BC) reviewed the minutes from the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.

**A motion was made by Dave Strauss to approve the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Tim Eldridge. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye. The motion passed (6-0).**

**School Taxes**

Chairman Strauss is expecting a 4.1% increase for the school district. This should appear as a \$0.95 increase for Effingham in the December 2021 tax bill.

The school district has a meeting set for January 11<sup>th</sup>. The school district increase is expected to go higher.

**Board Business**

David Strauss, Tim Eldridge, and Ben Eldridge are up for re-election this year. Signups are January 20<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Currently the proposed budget is set for a \$44K decrease from the current budget. This does not include warrant articles the BoS and Budget Committee did not approve.

**Budget Review 4130 Executive represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Executive budget is requested at \$162,500. The largest increase in the requested budget is for the new phone contract. All computer and technology budget lines have been placed in the Executive budget, including IT support.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4130 Executive Budget at \$162,500. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, David Garceau- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye. The motion passed (6-0).**

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**Budget Review 4152 Assessing represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Assessing budget is requested at \$37,750. Several items were taken out of contracts and placed in utilities. The 5-year re-evaluation contract is \$141,400. Gwen English is scheduled for 10 hours per week and takes care of day to day assessing tasks as well as helping and covering for other selectman's office tasks, including sale of town property. The Avitar Contract will be voted separately, the department only needs \$7,750.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4152 Assessing Budget at \$7,750. The motion was seconded by David Strauss. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye. The motion passed (6-0).**

Theresa Swanick joined the meeting at 6:20.

**Budget Review 4194 Municipal Buildings represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Municipal Buildings budget is requested at \$74,000. The Town Hall boiler was updated in 2020 at a cost of over \$20k. The BoS are trying to build up the trust fund to \$50k to be prepared for any upcoming expenses.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4194 Municipal Buildings Budget at \$74,000. The motion was seconded by David Strauss. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4312 Highways & Streets represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Highways & Streets budget is requested at \$534,750. \$30k is being rolled forward from 2020. Much of the road mowing & clearing budget is still being spent on removing obstacles and tree removal so that mowing can take place in future years. It was questioned whether or not 'salt guard' had been installed/applied to the salt shed. This needs to be done if it was not done.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4312 Highways & Streets Budget at \$534,750. The motion was seconded by Ben Eldridge. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

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### **Budget Review 4150 Auditing represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Audit budget is requested at \$12,500.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4150 Auditing Budget at \$12,500. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

### **Budget Review 4155 Payroll Expenses represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Payroll Expense budget is requested at \$50,000.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4155 Payroll Expenses Budget at \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Ben Eldridge. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- abstain. The motion passed (6-0-1).**

### **Budget Review 4196 Insurance represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Insurance budget is requested at \$76,000. This covers health insurance for the town administrator and one police officer. The insurance rate has gone up 9% for next year.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4196 Insurance Budget at \$76,000. The motion was seconded by David Strauss. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

### **Budget Review 4220 EMS Contract represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The EMS Contract budget is requested at \$88,000. This line is trending upward at 9-12%. We are negotiating with the largest EMS user for them to pay their cost. This line will likely be adjusted after the ambulance meeting on January 12, 2021.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4220 EMS Contract at \$88,000. The motion was seconded by Ben Eldridge. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

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**Budget Review 4316 Street Lighting represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Insurance budget is requested at \$8,500. The BoS plan to shut down 12 out of 25 streetlights. There is no cost to turn off the lights.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4316 Street Lighting Budget at \$8,500. The motion was seconded by Ben Eldridge. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4901 Warrant Article Bailey Road Culvert represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Warrant Article for the Bailey Road Culvert is requested at \$50,000. \$35k will come from the fund balance (money not used for the Elm Street Bridge replacement). \$15k will come from taxation.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4901 Warrant Article for the Bailey Road Culvert at \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4901 Warrant Article Road Reconstruction represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Road Reconstruction is requested at \$250,000. \$40k will come from the fund balance and is no tax impact. The BoS appreciate the ability to fund projects as they become necessary and when timing works best. These funds will cover Green Mountain Road reconstruction in 2022.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4901 Warrant Article for the Road Reconstruction at \$250,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4901 Warrant Article Fire Dept Defibrillator represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Fire Dept Defibrillator is requested at \$38,000. The BoS is not in favor of this warrant article. Money may be available from a grant. This defibrillator could be setup by the FD personnel, however EMS are required to operate the machine.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4901 Warrant Article for the Fire Dept Defibrillator at \$38,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- nay, Leo Racine- nay, Tim Eldridge- nay, Chuck Fuller- nay, Ben Eldridge- nay, David Garceau- nay, Theresa Swanick- nay. The motion failed (0-7).**

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**Budget Review 4901 Warrant Article Fire Dept Parttime Personnel represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Fire Dept Parttime Personnel is requested at \$58,500. The BoS is not in favor of this warrant article. The cost is too high, will have to continue to rely partially on mutual aid.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4901 Warrant Article for the Fire Dept Parttime Personnel at \$58,500. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- nay, Leo Racine- nay, Tim Eldridge- nay, Chuck Fuller- nay, Ben Eldridge- nay, David Garceau- nay, Theresa Swanick- nay. The motion failed (0-7).**

**Budget Review 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Parsonsfield Mutual Aid represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Capital Reserve Funds Parsonsfield Mutual Aid is requested at \$1,000. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Parsonsfield Mutual Aid at \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Fire Truck/ Equipment represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Capital Reserve Funds Fire Truck/ Equipment is requested at \$20,000. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Fire Truck/ Equipment at \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Police Cruiser represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Capital Reserve Funds Police Cruiser is requested at \$15,000. The \$15,000 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article. A new cruiser with equipment added is currently running \$58K.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Police Cruiser at \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

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**Budget Review 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Transfer Station/ Recycling represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Capital Reserve Funds Transfer Station/ Recycling is requested at \$2,000. The \$2,000 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4915 Capital Reserve Funds Transfer Station/ Recycling at \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Bridge Maintenance represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Bridge Maintenance is requested at \$2,000. The \$2,000 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Bridge Maintenance at \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Municipal Buildings represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Municipal Buildings is requested at \$10,000. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Municipal Buildings at \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Municipal Electronic Equipment represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Municipal Electronic Equipment is requested at \$2,000. The \$2,000 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Municipal Electronic Equipment at \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

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**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Police Safety Gear represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Police Safety Gear is requested at \$2,000. The \$2,000 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Police Safety Gear at \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Historic town Hall represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Historic Town Hall is requested at \$10,000. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Historic Town Hall at \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Library represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Library is requested at \$1,500. The \$1,500 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Library at \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Fire Dept Equipment represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds FD Equipment is requested at \$2,000. The \$2,000 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds FD Equipment at \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

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**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Planning Land Use Capital Improvement Plan represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Planning Land Use CIP is requested at \$1,000. The \$1,000 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Planning Land Use CIP at \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Aquatic (Invasive Species Control) represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Aquatic is requested at \$2,500. The \$2,500 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Aquatic at \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Voting Machine represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Voting Machine is requested at \$2,500. The \$2,500 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Voting Machine at \$2,500 amount. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**



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**Budget Review 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Emergency Management Generator Replacement represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Expendable Trust Funds Emergency Management Generator Replacement is requested at \$2,500 and a new ETF. The \$2,500 will come from the fund balance and have no tax impact. The BoS is in favor of this warrant article. The money pays for the maintenance of three generators.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4916 Expendable Trust Funds Emergency Management Generator Replacement at \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4901 Warrant Article Avitar Assessing Contract represented by the BoS**

The Warrant Article for the Avitar Assessing Contract is requested at \$30,000. This is a five-year contract.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to approve the 4901 Warrant Article for the Avitar Contract at \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fuller. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Revisit Budget Review 4152 Assessing represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Assessing budget is requested at \$37,750. The full amount of \$37,750, which includes the Avitar Contract needs to be approved, not just \$7,750.

**A motion was made by Leo Racine to approve the 4152 Assessing Budget at \$37,750. The motion was seconded by David Strauss. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Budget Review 4901 Town Hall Repair & Rehab Expendable Trust Fund represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The town has \$7,802 that was deposited from a grant for the HTH use.

**A motion was made by Leo Racine to approve the 4901 Town Hall repair & Rehab at \$7,802. The motion was seconded by David Strauss. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

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**Petitioned Warrant Article 4901 Elderly Exemption for Property Tax**

The petition seeks to raise the Elderly Exemption. The BC did not feel this was prudent to place more burden on working families as the exemption was changed at the 2018 town meeting.

**A motion was made by Leo Racine to approve the 4901 Elderly Exemption. The motion was seconded by David Strauss. Roll call vote: David Strauss- nay, Leo Racine- nay, Tim Eldridge- nay, Chuck Fuller- nay, Ben Eldridge- nay, David Garceau- nay, Theresa Swanick- nay. The motion failed (0-7).**

**Revisit Budget Review 4611 Conservation Budget**

The Conservation is being reconsidered. as previous meeting had reduced requested funds. It was detailed unused funds are kept by the ECC for land purchases and full funding was prudent.

**A motion was made by David Strauss to reconsider the Conservation Budget. The motion was seconded by Leo Racine. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Revisit Budget Review 4611 Conservation represented by the Board of Selectmen (BoS)**

The Conservation is being reconsidered to add funds for future land purchase. Revised budget amount is \$4,455, which equals the 2020 budget. Conserved land is an asset to the town. Having money available is sometimes the difference in whether land can be acquired, compared to waiting for a town warrant article. Debated if a future land purchase line item should be added and funded at \$1000. Committee felt funding at the requested level of \$4,455 plus an additional \$1000 for future land purchases was in the town's best interest. Committee in general was in favor but would like more detail on expenditures of the ECC bank account. Chair agreed to obtain the information prior to the next meeting.

**A motion was made by Leo Racine to approve the 4611 Conservation Budget at \$5,455. The motion was seconded by David Strauss. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

**Revisit Budget Review 4415 Non-Profits – Ossipee Children's Fund Budget**

The Ossipee Children's Fund is suggested to be reconsidered.

**A motion was made by David Strauss to reconsider the Ossipee Children's Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by David Garceau. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (7-0).**

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**Revisit Budget Review 4415 Non-Profits – Ossipee Children’s Fund Budget**

The Ossipee Children’s Fund is suggested to be reconsidered at \$3,500. This will make more money available to help town children participate in activities. Others thought that \$3,000 is more in line with other non-profits. Theresa Swanick feels that this money is specifically needed during these Covid Pandemic times, for childcare, etc.

**A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to reconsider the Ossipee Children’s Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by Ben Eldridge. Roll call vote: David Strauss- nay, Leo Racine- nay, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye, Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed (5-2).**

**Public Comment**

No questions from the public. Theresa Swanick was the only participant on the phone line. The phone and email were checked several times during the course of the meeting.

**Next Budget Committee Meeting**

The next BC meeting is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 beginning at 6:00pm.

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Eldridge. The motion was seconded by Ben Eldridge. Roll call vote: David Strauss- aye, Leo Racine- aye, Tim Eldridge- aye, Chuck Fuller- aye, Ben Eldridge- aye, David Garceau- aye. The motion passed (6-0).**

The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.