

# Town of Troy

16 Central Square - PO Box 249 - Troy, New Hampshire 03465

December 6, 2021

## Minutes of the Budget Committee

Called to order at 6:04 p.m., Monday, December 6, 2021, at the Gay-Kimball Library by Chair Benjamin Drugg. This meeting was postponed from the previous Monday, Nov. 29, 2021.

Present: Chair Benjamin Drugg, Vice Chair Adam Hopkins, Secretary Allan Bailey, Members Richard HKS Thackston, Steve Obert, TJ Chasse, Jamie Hummel, Tyler Bagster, Matt Meacham and Select Board Ex-Officio Member Selectman Dick Thackston.

Minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Motion: Selectman Dick Thackston. Second: Mr. Richard HKS Thackston. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS: REVIEW OF BUDGETS**

Cemetery Trustees. Trustee Diane Lepisto presented the proposed budget of \$35,330. Chair Drugg explained to the committee that the cemetery budget covers only a small part of the cemetery operation. Most expenses are paid from the cemetery trust funds.

Ms. Lepisto told the committee that the trust fund for maintenance is running low while the trust fund for perpetual care has more money than it needs. They want to find a way to move some of the perpetual care money to maintenance. This would have to be approved by the New Hampshire Attorney General Charitable Trust Unit.

Within the cemetery's town budget,

1. They request an additional \$1,000 for part-time salaries due to more hours being worked than in the past.
2. All insurance lines are higher due to rate increases. This applies to all town departments.
3. Social Security is up due to salary increases.

Moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Richard HKS Thackston to recommend \$35,330 for the Cemetery Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.

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Highway Department. Road Agent/Public Works Director Ed Atkins presented the proposed budget of \$277,688.

The committee discussed expenses for computer software not only for the highway department but also for the town government in general.

Dam fees, paid to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services have gone up a lot. Mr. Atkins is requesting \$3,400 instead of last year's budget amount of \$1,400. That is a two-thousand dollar increase.

Ice Control-Calcium was budgeted at zero, but there may be a need in the future, so the committee will budget one dollar to keep that line item open.

The town has applied for a reimbursement grant from FEMA in the amount of \$22,300.

Moved by Selectmen Thackston and seconded by Mr. Richard HKS Thackston to recommend \$277,589 for the Highway Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Transfer Station. Mr. Atkins presented the proposed budget of \$142,416.

Building maintenance and repair is budgeted lower than in the past due to employees doing some of that work.

Hepatitis B vaccinations was budgeted at zero due to no employees requesting the shot. The committee will budget one dollar to keep that line item open.

Hazardous Waste is budgeted lower than in the past because costs are down.

Heating Oil is budgeted lower than in the past because costs are down.

Moved by Mr. Richard HKS Thackston and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to recommend \$142,147 for the Transfer Station. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Drugg asked Mr. Atkins if he anticipated any warrant articles for the next town meeting. Mr. Atkins said the committee should expect articles for \$25-thousand dollars for paving Bigelow Hill Road, \$100-thousand for paving South Main Street, and an as-yet undetermined amount for maintenance of catch basins and pipes on Brook Street.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Drugg informed the committee that the Water Department Board of Governors wanted another meeting with the Budget Committee to discuss their proposed budget. Mr. Richard HKS Thackston suggested that if we meet with them again, they should have a quorum of the Board of Governors present. Other committee members agreed.

Chair Drugg informed the committee that the following week's meeting (Dec. 13, 2021) was for the Recreation Department and the Samuel E. Paul Community Center with Mr. Robert Norton presenting both budgets. Mr. Drugg suggested that we invite the Water Department to come in next Monday to follow Mr. Norton. Committee members agreed. Mr. Drugg will contact the Water Department and make arrangements.

Selectman Thackston discussed the issue of an ambulance purchase.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No members of the public were present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Thackston. Seconded by Mr. Richard HKS Thackston. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting is Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Gay-Kimball Library.

Respectfully submitted

Allan Bailey  
Secretary