

## **LONDONDERRY BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **Agenda**

#### **Minutes for October 27, 2022**

The Budget Committee meeting was at 7:00 PM in the Sunnycrest Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Present: S. Breault, J. Kenney, P. Cassidy, R. Dunn, T. Siekmann, L. Wiles

Absent: J. Kipp

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by S. Breault.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**

S. Breault led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Meeting minutes from September 22, 2002, were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by R. Dunn and seconded by T. Siekman. Minutes approved with a vote of 5-1-1.

<b>Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Steve Breault	X			
Jennifer Kenney	X			
Jonathan Kipp				X
Ronald Dunn	X			
Tim Siekmann	X			
Patrick Cassidy	X			
Lynn Wiles			X	

#### **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- Welcome to the new member, Lynn Wiles. Lynn will be fulfilling a vacant position on the Budget Committee until February of 2023.
  - a. Budget Season
    - i. Reviewed Budget Calendar with the committee

1. During the next few months, the monthly Budget Committee meetings will be placed on hold, since the committee members will be attending multiple budget meetings with the school and town.
  2. February 2023 will be the last meeting for the current committee members.
  3. March 2023 will be the first meeting for the new committee members.
- b. Community Service Grants
- i. Confirmed all allocations for each non-profit organization who applied.
  - ii. S. Breault and R. Dunn will present the distribution of the grant's funds to the Town Council.
  - iii. S. Breault will follow up with John Farrell to confirm a meeting date to present to the Town Council.
- c. Liaison Reports
- i. Police Department – P. Cassidy
    1. Pat conducted an in-person meeting with Chief Bernard on Thursday, October 27th. Chief Bernard reports that the police department was approximately \$200K under budget for the 2021 - 2022 fiscal year. Chief Bernard continues to stress, as did his predecessor, that Building Maintenance and Repair is severely underfunded (budget is at \$18,700). He additionally reported that vehicle maintenance is underfunded. He expects to request increases in these two line items, as they have been underfunded for some time. The department is currently down 10 officers but has several officers in the training process at this time. Chief Bernard expects to only be down 4 officers as soon as the current new hires complete their training. He stresses the need for maintaining the current number of police officer positions.
    2. Chief Benard needs the department to be at adequate staffing levels, currently short 4 officers. More retirements will be happening as well.
  - ii. Fire Department – J. Kipp
    1. Nothing new to report from Chief O'Brien on 10/24/2022.
  - iii. Department of Public Works – J. Kenney
    1. Nothing to report
      - a. Will connect with Dave Wholley for our next meeting. Will ask about this coming snow season, in regard to diesel for the trucks, sand and salt cost.
  - iv. CIP – S. Breault
    1. The priority ranking for elementary schools was changed from a priority level of 3 to a priority level of 5.
  - v. Town Council – R. Dunn

1. 3 meetings were held since our last budget committee meeting (9/26/22, 10/3/22, 10/17/22)
  2. Discussion included: 2 new police department hires, waste management contract was approved, police union contracts are now under negotiation, Lion Hall building under review to determine the next step of the building (options include: tear it down, limited remodel, and full remodel), fire alarm panel was replaced, \$42k grant related to cyber security was accepted, police department grant of \$14k was accepted, DPW currently have 16 plow drivers, need 19, Energy Task Force.
- vi. School: Superintendent and School Board / School Finance – T. Siekmann
1. Nothing monetary discussed or changes made
    - a. Discussion around the Master Plan, School Priorities, Energy Efficiency things are being worked on. Maintenance Bond, need to look into this more to determine if it would be the best option.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by R. Dunn, seconded by T. Siekmann. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Member	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
Steve Breault	X			
Jennifer Kenney	X			
Jonathan Kipp				X
Ronald Dunn	X			
Tim Siekmann	X			
Patrick Cassidy	X			
Lynn Wiles	X			

#### 8. MEETING SCHEUDLE

- a. Following Budget Calendar for School and Town budget meetings over the next few months.