

**Durham Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2018**

Call to Order: Milton Simon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Milt Simon, Terry Kirk, Jill Gastonguay, John Simoneau, Brian Pike, Leigh Fisher, Marc Farrin and Richard Emmons. 8 (eight) members present.

Members Not Present:

Selectmen Present: Chairman Kevin Nadeau

Also Present: AA/TA Ruth Glaeser, Fire Chief William St. Michel, Fire Apparatus Committee Members, Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier, and PIT Tammy Quimby

Minutes:

John Simoneau Moves to Accept the Budget Committee Minutes from February 6, 2018 as presented. Richard Emmons Seconds. Motion Carries 8-0.

John Simoneau Moves to Accept the Budget Committee Minutes from February 12, 2018 as presented. Terry Kirk Seconds. Motion Carries 8-0.

Review Capital for Fire Department: (See Attached)

Chief St. Michel presented regarding rescue, fire trucks, cardiac monitor; this year's potential expenditures, as well as, future commitments from authorization this year. Bottom line for just this year's capital, looking to raise \$55,000. Discussed actuals vs. estimates.

Jill Gastonguay moves to table the cardiac monitor until hear about rescue and apparatus. Terry Kirk seconds. Kevin Nadeau point of order "do not need to motion to table items unless they are being pushed off to a future meeting, can just table them if going to review in same meeting".

Chief discussed long term capital plan. Went over rescue dates and timelines for replacement and repairs. Talked about leases, and looking into lease options in the future. Went on to discuss the apparatus trucks and what they need for repair, updates and replacement going forward; potentially consolidating some vehicles.

5 Capital Articles that the Budget Committee needs to Approve: cardiac, reserve, quint, fire truck and rescue.

Richard Emmons Moves to Accept the Fire Department Capital Budget as presented by the Selectman. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 6-2.

Fire Department Operational, Per Diem and Stipend: (see Attached)

Operational: Chief discussed that he made the switch from previous vendor to new vendor as of last week to get lower consistent price for fuel, old vendor could not justify their higher costs. He indicated that they have not received a delivery yet, but will be going with the new company going forward.

Committee workshopped on the numbers.

Operational: Richard Emmons Moves to transfer \$28,292 from Undesignated Funds, and Raise \$335,425 for a total Appropriation of \$363,717. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 7-0. 1 abstain from Milt, as he is on the Fire Department Payroll.

Per Diem: budgeted on 7 days a week.

Committee workshopped on per diem, turn out gear and stipend.

Jill Gastonguay Moves to Transfer \$5,450 from Undesignated Funds to help offset 2017 Worker's Comp fees, recommend Raise \$115,450; making a total Appropriation of \$120,900 for Fire Department Per Diem and Stipend Account. Marc Farrin Seconds. Amend Motion, motion rescinded. Jill Gastonguay Moves to Transfer \$5,450 from Undesignated Funds, to Raise \$115,158 for a Total Appropriation of \$120,608. Marc Farrin Seconds. Motion Carries 6-2.

Public Works Capital Budget:

Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier presents with regard to equipment and other capital expenditures. Discussed Public Works parking lot finishing and fixing paving. Went on to discuss age of trucks and rotation that is being put forward for replacement going forward.

Jill Gastonguay Moves they decline the Plow Truck purchase for this year, and use Truck Number 7; approve the finishing of the Public Works paving area, and raise \$100,000 for the Capital Fund. For a total of \$26,650 for the Capital Fund...Ruth Clarified – take plow truck off: Bottom line budget is \$530,203, using Capital funds of \$26,650 and raising \$503,553; Jill reiterates Motion. No Second. Motion Fails.

Terry Kirk Moves to Approve the Capital Budget as Presented. Richard Emmons Seconds. Motion Fails 4-4.

Committee opts to separate articles to vote on.

***Bond Payments:* Jill Gastonguay Moves to Raise \$403,553 to pay all outstanding debts, make bond payments. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 8-0.**

Plow Truck Purchase: Richard Emmons Moves to Transfer \$131,650 from the Capital Account, and Raise \$78,350 for the Plow Truck. John Simoneau Seconds. Motion Carries 7-1.

Capital Appropriation. Terry Kirk Moves to Raise \$50,000 for the Capital Fund. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 6-1.

Paving Project. Richard Emmons Moves transfer \$26,650 from the Public Works Capital Fund to complete paving their parking lot. Jill Gastonguay seconds. Motion Fails 4-4.

John Simoneau Moves raise \$26,650 for paving project at Public Works. Terry Kirk Seconds. Motion Carries 5-3

Milt Simon indicated the next, and last meeting of the Budget Committee will be on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to complete all remaining items.

Terry Kirk Motion to Adjourn. Jill Gastonguay Seconds. Motion Carries 8-0.

The Budget Committee Meeting concluded at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Quimby
Meetings Secretary