

Town of South Thomaston, Maine: Budget Committee Minutes Meeting #2

Tuesday January 28, 2014

Present:

**Selectmen** - Robert Branco, Dorothy Meriwether and Dianne Darling

**Budget committee members** - Moira Paddock, Gayle Gallant, Donna Withington, Gary Skarka, Don Protheroe. Absent: Rebecca Geesey and Ray Wooster

**Town Administration** - John Spear

**Guests** - Sonia Sleeper, Adelbert Elliot, Edith Elliot, Rich Norman, Pat Dougherty, Arthur Grierson and Colin Grierson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Minutes from the 1-27-2014 meeting were reviewed.

Gayle Gallant moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Gary Skarta seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

**Each budget will receive a preliminary approval until the committee hears all budgets**

**Ambulance (580)**

Pat Dougherty presented the budget which was followed by a lengthy discussion. Included in the discussion: 155 calls in 2013, staffing: 2 paramedics, 1 basic and 5 intermediate paid personnel and 6 volunteers. The billing backup is now current. The committee recommended adding \$100.00 to fuel, \$1,200 .00 to assistance charges, and splitting the \$500.00 in medical between education/training and medical.

Gayle Gallant moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$109,820.00.

Donna Withington seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

**Ambulance Reserve (690-54)**

**Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve (690-55)**

Gayle Gallant moved to approve the preliminary budgets of 690-54: \$5,000.00 and 690-55: \$3,000.00

Donna Withington seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

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**Unclassified Public Safety (590)**

John Spear presented the budget

Moira Paddock moved to strike the \$500.00 for a Health Officer.

Donna Withington seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

Gayle Gallant moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$21,985.00.

Donna Withington seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

**Cemetery-Geo. River Shellfish-Veterans (695)**

Colin Grierson presented the budget.

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$19,919.00.

Gayle Gallant seconded.

Motion passed 4-1.

**Cemetery Reserve (690-59)**

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$1,000.00.

Gayle Gallant seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

**Building & Grounds (540)**

John Spear presented the budget. Contract services/exhaust fan was corrected to \$664.00. The \$4,500.00 allotted to design work for a meeting room fire escape and shower in the fire dept was discussed at length. The selectmen added \$600.00 for door lifts to the budget, the budget committee did not.

Don Protheroe moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$38,520.00.

Gary Skarka seconded.

Motion passed 3-2.

**Building Reserve (690-60)**

Donna Withington moved to strike the \$20,000.00 for fire escape & shower and to approve the preliminary budget of \$2,000.00.

Gayle Gallant seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

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**Town Landing (550)**

John Spear presented the budget.

Gayle Gallant moved to add \$250.00 under misc. for signs to be expensed from Reserves.

Donna Withington seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$3,760.00 to be paid from Reserves.

Gayle Gallant seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

**Town Landing Reserve (896)**

Gayle Gallant moved to transfer \$8,000.00 from Boat excise tax into Reserves.

Donna Withington seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

Due to the late hour the Town Roads and Solid Wastes budgets were moved to meeting #3.

Moiria Paddock moved to adjourn at 9:30pm. Meeting #3 will be held January 29 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Withington