

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2020**

Present: Gary Winn, Chairman; Dan Cotter, Vice-Chair; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Scott Riddlemoser; Judy Idelkope, Alex Winn, Brad Roscoe, George Goulet, Jeanny Aldrich, Selectboard Representative and Steve Laskowski.

Absent: Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; and Genienne Hockensmith, School Board Representative

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Winn at 6:40 PM

As Chair of the Chesterfield Budget Committee, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Committee is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means; We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-876-9923 and password 831 3180 2138 or by clicking on the following website address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775911101>

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting; We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the Town of Chesterfield website at: <https://chesterfield.nh.gov/>.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access; If anyone has a problem, please call 603-499-6534 or email at: Selectman-b@nhchesterfield.com.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting; In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

We will start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Scott, Gary, Judy, Dan, George, Alex, Jeanny, Brad, Rick and Steve voted Yes. The meeting proceeded unanimously.

Dan moved to approve March 3rd Minutes as Submitted. The motion was seconded by George.

Scott, Gary, Judy, Dan, George, Alex, Jeanny, Brad, and Rick voted Yes. Steve Abstained. The Motion passed by majority.

Bayard Tracy, Vice President of the Spofford Lake Association, was present to request the Committee reconsider their vote to not Recommend Article 36 to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to fight invasive plant infestations in the lake. He presented new information that was not heard at the Public Hearing. The Conservation Commission receives the funds from property that is removed from Current Use. The Commission was not present to speak about the use of the Fund. The Commission does contribute annually to the Lake Host Program. The Spofford Lake Association would recommend a total of \$50,000 for that fund with contributions over the next 5 years.

The Committee is requesting applications to fill the vacancies on the Budget Committee at the next meeting.

Steve moved to nominate Dan Cotter as Interim Chairman. The motion was seconded by George.

Scott, Gary, Judy, Dan, George, Alex, Jeanny, Brad, Rick and Steve voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

The School will be holding a Drive-through meeting next Saturday, June 6th. The virtual presentation will be Tuesday at 7 with an answer session on Friday at 5. They are putting off the roofing work which was missing in the budget under Building Maintenance until next year. There are still staff using the building for remote learning.

Highway – Chris Lord was present to discuss being able to reduce his budget by \$20,000. He is also delaying the North Shore Project because it is so late in the year. There are other roads that need resurfacing and he would like to use the portion raised by taxes from Article 6 to pave the roads he had delayed due to the North Shore Road project. The Truck has been leased for \$206,464 and the funds intended to come from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Questions were raised from the Committee as to whether this was possible as this fund is not expendable by the Board.

Parks & Rec – Sam Hill, Parks & Rec Director, was present to state that she could save \$8,125 from cancelling the Summer Concert Series. There is no staff at North Shore for \$7,280 savings due to no swimming lessons. There is extra Staff at Ware's Grove, Signage, PPE and Protective Plexiglass and other Miscellaneous Supplies needed. The Parks & Rec Day Campers will need to be picked up if the weather is bad. The campers need to be kept in separate clusters of no more than 10 for the duration of camp.

Police – Duane Chickering, Police Chief, stated that he was able to reduce the reimbursable detail to \$80,000 as Hinsdale has not called on the department as expected. This line is tax neutral. The Department is an officer short and seeking applications.

Town - The IT contract was terminated on February 29th. They are seeking an RFP for a new company.

Gary moved to support the work done by the Departments to revise recommendations for the Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan. No vote was taken.

Jeanny moved to reconsider Article #36. The motion was seconded by Brad. Judy, Gary, Dan, Scott, Alex, Steve and Rick voted No. Jeanny, George and Brad voted Yes. The motion failed by majority.

Jeanny thanked the Committee for meeting and supporting the presentations.

Judy thanked Gary for his service to the Budget Committee.

Dan recommended that Gary be appointed as the Selectmen's Representative to the Budget Committee.

Dan moved to adjourn at 9:33 PM. The motion was seconded by Judy. Scott, Gary, Judy, Dan, George, Alex, Jeanny, Brad, Rick and Steve voted Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary