

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

Present: Dan Cotter, Interim Chairman; Alex, Winn, Brad Roscoe, Judy Idelkope, Steve Laskowski, George Goulet, Scott Riddlemoser, Burt Riendeau, Greg Denzler, Jeanny Aldrich, Selectboard Representative; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative and Steve Dumont, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative.

Absent: Genienne Hockensmith, School Board Representative

Interim Chairman, Dan Cotter, called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 # 1-646-558-8656 and password 346 680 3059 or by clicking on the following website address:

<https://zoom.us/j/3466803059>

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 802-579-6199 or email at: amy.lafontaine@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.

George moved to approve August 27th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Brad. Dan, Brad, Alex, Judy, Steve L., George, Scott, Burt, Greg, Jeanny, Rick and Steve D. voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve moved to approve September 1st Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by George. Brad, Dan, Brad, Alex, Judy, Steve L., George, Scott, Burt, Greg, Jeanny, Rick and Steve D. voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Brad Roscoe moved to nominate Judy Idelkope for Committee Chairman.
George Goulet moved to nominate Steve Laskowski for Committee Chairman.

Dan: Steve	George: Steve	Rick: Steve
Steve: Judy	Jeanny: Steve	Judy: Judy
Greg: Judy	Brad: Judy	Burt: Steve
Alex: Steve	Scott: Steve	Steve D: Judy

Steve Laskowski was voted Committee Chairman by 7 to 5 vote.

Judy Idelkope was nominated as Vice-Chair. Judy declined the nomination.
Dan moved to nominate George as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Judy.

Dan, Steve L., Greg, Alex, George, Jeanny, Brad, Scott, Rick, Judy, Burt and Steve D. voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Town – Jeanny discussed the Budget to Date. Everyone but Dan requested a notebook and printed copies of the Budget.

Street Lighting – Level Funded

General Assistance- Level Funded

Legal – Leaves a Cushion for outside Law Firm and representative in Superior Court

Ambulance – Contracted Fees already set for 2020. A Committee may be formed to look at options for 2021.

Health Officer – There are significant changes to this budget. There is a Raise, a Step and a COLA due to possible implementation of Wastewater Management Plan. The Funding for COVID training from State & Federal Government may go away next year so the Town will bear the responsibility for this cost.

Code Enforcement – A new Code Enforcement Officer, Matt Beauregard, has been hired. The Town is looking to provide continuity across the departments with Cell Phones. Highway Department, Town Administrator, Public Works Director and Tricia have cell phones. A Town Car won't be available this year. Mileage has been put in the Budget. There is also a 2nd CPU in the Budget so the Health Officer and Code Enforcement can both have one. There is also an upgrade proposed to AVATAR for Code Enforcement to be able to have access to tax maps, septic, permits, etc. This is utilized by Swanzey and Walpole.

Steve L. moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Brad.

Brad, Dan, Brad, Alex, Judy, Steve L., George, Scott, Burt, Greg, Jeanny, Rick and Steve D. voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy LaFontaine, Secretary