

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

Present: Steve Laskowski, Chairman; Dan Cotter, Alex Winn, Judy Idelkope, Scott Riddlemoser, Greg Denzler, Brad Roscoe, Jeanny Aldrich, Selectboard Representative; Rick Cooper, CF&R Representative; Genienne Hockensmith, Chesterfield School Representative; and George Goulet

Absent: Rob Hodgkins, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative and Burt Riendeau

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 966 2510 4132 or by clicking on the following website address:

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passcode 210397

*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.

Rick moved to discuss the September 22nd minutes. The motion was seconded by Brad.

Dan moved to approve the September 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jeanny. Dan, Alex, Judy, Scott, Greg, Brad, Jeanny, Rick, Steve and George voted Yes. Genienne abstained. The motion passed by unanimously.

Public Comment – None

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Conservation Commission – The Budget is up \$377. Contracted Services is up \$400 due to consistent overexpenditures. There is a new line for website management of \$150. There was a discussion about other Committees forming their own websites such as Library, Parks & Rec. Scott asked about inventory purchased by the Commission. Steve asked about handicapped accessible trails. Fran Shippee is the Selectboard Representative to the Conservation Commission. She stated that the Commission has been talking about this in Friedsam Forest. There is \$90,000 in the Conservation Fund. This money is used for Lake Host program and land purchases which require a public hearing. The Conservation Funds can be used to protect lands outside of Chesterfield. The Current Use Tax was given to the Conservation Fund by a vote at Town Meeting. The vote would need to be rescinded at Town Meeting in order to require funds be spent in Town or allocated to another source.

Economic Development Committee (EDOC) – This Committee is now reinvigorated. They have compiled a welcome packet for anyone that moves to Town and are in the process of learning about the Planning Board and Zoning Board Application process to help anyone moving in to Town and wishing to start a business.

Code Enforcement – Revised due to reallocation of a police vehicle and new Cell Phone.

Health Officer – Revised due to Cell Phone Stipend.

Patriotic Purposes – The proposal is to purchase double the number of flags as none were purchased this year.

Debt Service – Reimbursable Broadband has doubled. Line Item is up \$74,915 or 28.75%

OEM – Up \$2,500 for IT services.

Old Business – Chesterfield Fire – On track for 2020 Budget No surprises.

School – Genienne reported that there was \$171,561 surplus from 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. There is \$280,507 surplus for 2020-2021 school year. Regular HS education 117 Budgeted only 101 Actual enrolled. Special Ed only 10 are enrolled 12 were budgeted. There will be a change next month due to any changes in selection for health and benefits. There was a generous grant donation of approximately \$85,000 for outdoor tents and PPE from the Public School Foundation.

There were no objections to the proposed meeting schedule. The next meeting will be October 27<sup>th</sup> for the highway budget. The following meetings will be November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Police budget won't be heard by the Selectboard until November 12<sup>th</sup>. Amy will resend the Meeting Schedule to all.

Brad moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Rick. Dan, Alex, Judy, Scott, Greg, Brad, Jeanny, Rick, Genienne, Steve and George voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary