

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

Present: Steve Laskowski, Chairman; Dan Cotter, Alex Winn, Judy Idelkope, Burt Riendeau, Gregg Denzler, Brad Roscoe, Jeanny Aldrich, Selectboard Representative; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Rob Hodgkins, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Genienne Hockensmith, School Board Representative; and George Goulet

Absent: Scott Riddlemoser

Call to Order

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 956 4494 3007 or by clicking on the following website address:
<https://zoom.us/j/95644943007?pwd=VVdRckcxNFR0ZHNYOWw2MWhYREp5Zz09>
passcode 818312

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.

Dan, Alex, Judy, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Jeanny, Rick, Rob, Genienne, George and Steve voted Yes to meet. All were in a room alone except for Steve, Rick and Amy at the Chesterfield Fire Station.

The Balance in the Wildfire Suppression Expendable Trust is \$37,000 and change.

Dan moved to approve Oct 27th minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Brad. Dan, Alex, Judy, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Jeanny, Rick, Rob, George and Steve voted Yes. Genienne Abstained. The motion passed by majority.

Dan moved to reconsider October 13th as submitted. The motion was seconded by Rick. Dan moved to approve October 13th minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Judy. Dan, Alex, Judy, Gregg, Brad, Jeanny, Rick, Genienne, George and Steve voted Yes. Burt and Rob Abstained. The motion passed by majority.

The Education Tax Warrant was reviewed.

Town – Sam Hill was present to present the Parks & Rec Budget. The Parks & Rec Committee does not have a reason to meet. Sam reports to the Town Administrator now. There is an extra 2 weeks salary for an Assistant Camp Supervisor. There is one week for camp preparation and 1 week to close after. There is only an after school care program. The Y has withdrawn their program. There is no need for Before Care now that school starts earlier. There won't be a basketball program this year. Baseball has been moved to Keene.

Inventory is kept track of at Ware's Grove. The Swimming Program is now run by Parks & Rec with a new Instructor. Sam stated that she would not live in the house at Ware's Grove if she was not required too. Revenues are budgeted at \$181,981. Expenditures are \$164,259. There is still revenue from Kayaks being rented.

Insurance not otherwise Allocated – Property & Liability Insurance due to decrease. Down \$8,890.

Advertising & Regional Association – Membership to SWRPC Master Plan is ready for update. Budget increase \$6.00

Planning Board – IT Cost added.

Zoning Board - \$79 increase due to Secretary Salary.

Solid Waste & Highway – updated to reflect Salaries. The Town Attorney has advised not to list employees and pay rates. Judy asked for Job Titles. Alissa stated that Selectboard needs to go into Non-Public Session to discuss compensation. The Budget Committee is not allowed to go into Non-Public Session. Steve stated that employees and salaries had been given out in the past.

Ex Officio – Rob reported that Spofford District was finalizing Budget to present next month. Budget is on track. Rick reported Chesterfield also on track and Budget is ready for next month.

Genienne reported an overage at the School of \$292,365. 4th & 6th Grades are only ones not back in the building 4 days a week. An additional teacher was needed for each grade level. There are 268 students enrolled.

Old business – Steve stated that a contact list had been created for the Budget Committee. Several Members felt that the information should not be passed out to prevent violation of Right to Know Laws. Steve and Amy will keep a list in case of emergencies.

New Business – Steve asked about a joint meeting between the Selectboard and the Budget Committee to discuss the presentation of the Town Report. The Committee felt that they needed to think about this. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be December 8th.

Brad moved to adjourn at 9:21. The motion was seconded by Rick. Dan, Alex, Judy, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Jeanny, Rick, Rob, Genienne, George and Steve voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary