

Minutes from Budget Committee Meeting on March 7, 2018

Attendance: Andy Reed, Tabatha Littlefield, Lucia Picard, Pat Clark, Penny Sampson (Selectman), Lynn Warman (guest), John McIntire, Tony Avila (Selectman), Dan McCormick, and Mark Babin

Andy Reed opened our meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The Selectmen explained the situation with the need for paving an area of the FD parking lot. A motion was made to appropriate up to \$9,400 from TIF to repair the parking lot at the firehouse. Motion Passed.

Penny asked the Budget Committee to reconsider a TIF recommendation by the EDC that we had previously not been in favor of, since the EDC had taken another look at it and revised the wording. The BC had previously been opposed to the item including the word "Plan" because we would prefer to see TIF used to get things done rather than just "plan" to do things with no results.

"Streetscape/Lighting/Signage Plan" was changed to "Streetscape/Lighting/Signage." A motion was made to appropriate \$10,000 from TIF for "Streetscape/Lighting/Signage." Motion Passed.

We also returned to the EDC recommendation for \$15,000 from TIF for a Lodging Feasibility Study, which the BC had previously disapproved of. The motion was made to appropriate \$15,000 from TIF for the Lodging Feasibility Study. Motion Failed. Budget Committee Recommends \$0.

A motion was made to take \$3,600 from Surplus for tax abatements if needed. Motion Passed.

The Budget Committee requested that a note be included in the warrant to show that the payment for the first Summer Roads Loan is included in the amount for Article 29.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee was set for May 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. We'd like to ask the Fire Chief to join us for that meeting to discuss the FD Association's income and expenditures.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.