

Town of Unity Budget Committee 15 February, 2018

Budget Committee (BC): Tabi Littlefield, Alicia McCormick, Sue Ferreira, Mark Babin, Andy Reed, John McIntire, Pat Clark

Selectmen: Penny Picard Simpson, Tony Avila

Town Clerk: Kari Hunt

Economic Development Committee (EDC): Mary Ann Hayes, Mary Leaming

Cemetery Committee: Lynn Warman

Meeting opened by Chair Andy Reed at 6:30 PM. Tabi Littlefield agreed to take notes. Minutes of 31 January, 2018, approved.

Discussion of EDC budget resumed from previous meeting. Mary Ann suggests more cooperation between the BC and EDC throughout the year on how to best use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. Mary Ann explained the limitations on the use of TIF funds and presented excellent visuals to show us what businesses in Unity have indicated as their priorities for using TIF funds. The selectmen have requested having a separate article in the warrant regarding the proposed "Lodging Feasibility Study" at Town meeting for consideration by the voters. Penny reported that her consultation with the Maine Municipal Association revealed that an "electronic message board" is NOT a TIF eligible expense. **Motion:** to expend \$15,000 from TIF funds to pay for a "Lodging Feasibility Study". It was pointed out that these funds had previously been approved by voters in town meetings. **Motion Passed**

Motion: To appropriate \$5,000 from TIF for the proposed Town website. **Motion Passed**

Motion: To appropriate \$10,000 from TIF for streetscape/lighting plan. Committee made **NO recommendation**

Motion: To appropriate \$3,000 from TIF to fund "Wayfinder" street sign program. **Motion Passed**

Motion: To appropriate \$10,000 from TIF to fund recreational trails. **Motion Passed**

Motion: To appropriate \$6,000 from TIF for traffic calming, KVCOG dues, legal and general administration. **Motion Passed**

Assessing Services. **Motion:** To Raise \$11,000. **Motion Passed**

ACO, CEO, EMA, incidental expenses. **Motion:** To Raise \$1,000. **Motion Passed**

Administration. **Motion:** To Raise \$52,997.50. Increase in this line due to Trio software expense increase. **Motion Passed**

Legal. **Motion:** To Raise \$5,000. **Motion Passed**

Septic Disposal. **Motion:** To Take from Surplus \$1,050. **Motion Passed**

E-911. **Motion:** To Raise \$500. This funds street signs. **Motion Passed**

Town Office Loan. **Motion:** To Raise \$28,992.19. **Motion Passed**

Constable. **Motion:** To Appropriate from TIF \$1,500. **Motion Passed**

General Assistance. **Motion:** To Raise \$3,000. **Motion Passed**

Town Lights. **Motion:** To Raise \$8,600. CMP will convert 4 or 5 lights to LED fixtures. **Motion Passed**

Recycling Center (UARRC). **Motion:** To Raise \$19,109.29. **Motion Passed**

Curbside Trash Pick-up. This line item is paid for by receipts from sticker and dumpster fees.

PERC. **Motion:** To Raise \$59,174.88, Appropriate \$4,500 from received income (MRC), and Appropriate \$9,823 from trash sticker sales. **Motion Passed**

Landfill maintenance and monitoring. **Motion:** To Raise \$3,890. **Motion Passed**

Summer Roads. **Motion:** to Appropriate from excise tax \$245,000, to Appropriate \$35,524 from received income, to Appropriate \$14,500 from TIF (total \$295,024). **Motion Passed**

Summer Roads loan #2. **Motion:** To Raise \$84,360.80. **Motion Passed**

Winter Roads. **Motion:** To Raise \$215,000. **Motion Passed**

Sand/Salt shed. **Motion:** to Raise \$1,500. **Motion Passed**

Cemeteries. **Motion:** To Raise \$16,450. **Motion Passed**

Kanokolus Beach / Recreation. **Motion:** To Raise \$3,750. **Motion Passed**

Waterville Area Humane Society. **Motion:** To Raise \$3,170.16. **Motion Passed**

Recreation Committee. **Motion:** to Raise \$1,000. To be overseen by selectmen. **Motion Passed**

Motion: To Adjourn. **Passed** 9:30 PM