

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JOINT MEETING WITH BUDGET COMMITTEE
November 8, 2021, 7:00P.M.
New Durham Town Hall, New Durham, NH 03855**

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Select Board
Dorothy Veisel, Select Board Member
Ron Uyeno, Select Board Member

ALSO PRESENT

Nicole Zoltko, Town Administrator
Anina Soucy, Finance Manager
Terry Jarvis, Chair, Budget Committee
Marc Decoff, Budget Committee
Joan Swenson, Budget Committee
Mark Sullivan, Vice Chair, Budget Committee – via Zoom
Rudy Rosiello, Budget Committee – via Zoom
David Bickford, resident – via Zoom

Joint Meeting with Budget Committee

Chair Jarvis opened the Budget Committee meeting at 7:03PM. Roll call was taken for members present at Town Hall as well as via Zoom. She stated the Capital Improvement Planning Committee were requested to fund 62 projects totaling \$1,375,226; about 76% of the projects were approved.

Chair Swenson stated the total ETF and CRF budget amount of 2019 was \$369,000; 2020 was \$330,000; 2021 was \$254,500 and the requested for 2022 is \$618,000. A summary outline of the accounts which were up over prior years was reviewed.

There was discussion about the fuel depot; Town Administrator Zoltko suggested if someone wants to go over the details, she can see if it can somehow be connected to ARPA. Chair Jarvis stated there are concerns about the age of the tanks and it could be a safety situation both with ground water and particularly if there is a severe winter storm situation. Chair Swenson stated there is some 2021 money from ARPA which may be able to be applied. He asked Town

Administrator Zoltko to confirm which CIP requests may be covered with those funds and then determine how much the overall CIP request would be reduced.

Chair Jarvis suggested they put the funds for gravel in the operation budget as opposed to the CRF, since it is an expense used every year. Mr. Rosiello and Mr. Sullivan agreed. She asked Ms. Soucy if that change be made to the operational budget and add it to the agenda for the Budget committee meeting of November 17.

Ms. Swenson asked for discussion on why the tax rate impact went up so much. Chair Jarvis stated it is an increase of what has been funded the last couple years; the numbers were determined by looking at what equipment needs replacement over the next ten years and the cost was divided over the years. Mr. Sullivan explained the charter of the CIP is to hear all the wishes from the departments then present to the other boards for evaluation; it is not to question validity or justifications. Mr. Uyeno stated CIP is only an advisory capacity.

Ms. Swenson noted the costs for milfoil were significantly reduced; Chair Swenson explained the water quality of numerous waterbodies significantly improved and the amount of treatment which was needed has been reduced.

Mr. Rosiello left the meeting at 7:40PM.

The Board and committee discussed whether there are some line items which are more critical than others; Chair Swenson noted its also important to consider the balances of the CRF accounts in conjunction with the requests and future plans.

Chair Jarvis stated the CIP did not recommend establishing a CRF the Meetinghouse; she stated they recognize work needs to be done to preserve the structure, but it was the consensus that the funding should be private and grant funding. Chair Swenson noted there is a balance of \$60,000 in the CRF; there are funds to do the roof work and to go forward.

There was discussion about the request for a CRF for Parks and Recreation. Town Administrator Zoltko explained the Parks and Recreation Director has been working on goal setting and long-term planning and has a more detailed outline of the plans which was submitted for review.

There was review and discussion about the proposed shift coverage for the Fire Department. Chair Jarvis noted the suggestion was to have two EMTs, five days a week. Town Administrator Zoltko confirmed the proposal was covered by account line 259. Chair Swenson noted it would take a few months to implement. He noted part of the changes include changes in the type of staffing.

Mr. Decoff made a motion to adjourn the Budget Committee meeting. Ms. Swenson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The Budget Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Account 4916 Expendable Trust Funds

The Board reviewed the proposed Expendable Trust Fund account for the FY 2022 budget.

Chair Swenson made a motion to approve Expendable Trust Fund account 4916 in a total amount of \$60,000 for the FY 2022 budget with the following breakdown:

- **Line 10-062 at \$15,000**
- **Line 10-063 at \$20,000**
- **Line 10-065 at \$15,000**
- **Line 10-066 at \$20,000.**

Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Chair Swenson made a motion to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91:A-3 II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.* Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman Uyeno- aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 8:52PM.

The Board reentered public session at 9:14PM.

Chair Swenson made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session of the November 8, 2021 meeting. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman Uyeno – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

ADJOURN

Selectman Veisel made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Uyeno seconded the motion. Motion passed, 2-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned 9:17PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary