

RICHMOND BUDGET COMMITTEE  
APRIL 8, 2015  
MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kimberly Valek-Molnar at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Valek-Molnar, Member O'Neil LaPlante, Member Ryan Chandler, Member Rex Dickinson. Vice-Chair Frederic Browne excused.

Others present: Town Manager Janet Smith, Selectman David Thompson.

The Budget Committee reviewed the Town Manager's proposed 2015/2016 budget and took the following votes:

Administration: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$215,530**. Unanimously voted.

Animal Control: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$8,241**. Unanimously voted.

Benefits: Motion by Chairman Valek-Molnar, seconded by Member Chandler to leave for discussion with the Board of Selectmen. Unanimously voted.

Boards & Committees: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$16,950**. Unanimously voted.

Capital Outlay: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$127,700**. Unanimously voted.

Code Enforcement: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$35,955**. Unanimously voted.

Debt Service: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$120,164**. Unanimously voted.

Fire Department: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** **\$78,510**. This represents a \$900 decrease from Manager/Department proposed budget. Member LaPlante suggested the Department could look at not replacing any pagers. Unanimously voted.

General Assistance: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** **\$15,500**. This represents a decrease of \$4,500 from Manager/Department

proposed budget. Manager agreed to reduce her request by same.  
Unanimously voted.

Insurance: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$58,695**. Unanimously voted.

Intergovernmental: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$9,620 which represents the New Mills Dam and Cobbossee Watershed**. The County Tax is an assessment and is not part of the warrant article. Unanimously voted.

Legal & Abatements: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$22,500**. Unanimously voted.

Library: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Chandler to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$39,160**. Unanimously voted.

Parks & Cemeteries: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$20,100**. Unanimously voted.

Police: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$241,649**. Unanimously voted.

Professional Services: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Chandler to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$28,730**. Unanimously voted.

Public Safety: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$119,720**. Unanimously voted.

Public Services: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to leave for discussion with the Board of Selectmen. Unanimously voted.

Public Works: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$319,282**. Unanimously voted.

Reserve: After discussion regarding creation of a Fire Department Equipment Reserve, Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$76,500**. Voted 3-1 with Member Chandler opposed.

Senior Services: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$13,650**. Unanimously voted.

Solid Waste: Motion by Member LaPlante, seconded by Member Dickinson to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$44,730**. Unanimously voted.

Summer Rec: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Chairman Valek-Molnar to leave for discussion with the Board of Selectmen. Unanimously voted.

Town Fuel: Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **recommend** Manager/Department request of **\$48,750**. Unanimously voted.

Motion by Member Chandler, seconded by Member LaPlante to **adjourn** at 9:21 p.m. Voted by unanimous acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Smith, Town Manager