

TOWN OF SALISBURY

Budget Committee Business Meeting Summary

February 11, 2018

Marcia Murphy, Chair	Present	Sandy Miller	Present
Bill MacDuffie, Sr., Vice Chair	Present	Salvatore Morgani	Present
Dave Merwin	Present	Nancy Hayden	Present
Jason Hood	Present	Ken Ross-Raymond, Selectman Ex-Officio	Absent
David Kelly	Present	Margaret Warren, Town Administrator	Present
Melinda Wasche	Absent	April Rollins, Municipal Secretary	Present

Other Selectmen Present: Pete Ballou

General Public Present: Albin Zuech, Kathie Downes, Judy Elliott, Phil Tucker, Gail Henry and Bill MacDuffie Jr.

Handouts for Meeting:

- 2018 Budget & Revenue figures through 12/31/18
- MS-737
- 2019 Warrant

Chair Murphy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review & Approve Minutes of January 14, 2019 – Bill MacDuffie Sr. made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2019 without corrections. Sandy Miller **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Final review of the 2019 Budget - Chair Murphy stated the ambulance budget has been finalized by the Board of Selectmen to include \$72K for Penacook Rescue. Dave Kelly asked if the Town was still discussing this with Franklin? TA Warren replied yes and noted that the contract is contingent upon approvals from the Town of Canterbury & Boscawen as well. Dave Kelly made a **motion** to approve the Ambulance budget at a total of \$97,600 dollars. Sal Morgani **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**. Bill MacDuffie Sr. made a **motion** to approve the recommended Capital Improvements program, for the purposes of discussion. Dave Kelly **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**. Bill MacDuffie Sr. stated he would like to discuss the decreased funding of the VNA again. Chair Murphy stated a resident is coming into tonight's meeting to speak about the VNA and recommended the committee wait until after Public Hearing to vote. The committee agreed. Chair Murphy explained that she was contacted by a resident to add \$3,500 dollars to the Transfer Station's budget for the recycling of plastic, which can be adjusted on the floor of Town Meeting under Article #3. There was a brief discussion regarding acceptance of grade 1 plastic vs. grade 2 plastic and clear plastic vs. colored plastic. Chair Murphy noted that one of the problems is that the Town doesn't have the staff to monitor what is thrown in the containers. Bill MacDuffie Sr. asked if the Town was making any money from the plastic recyclables? Chair Murphy replied yes but it gets overshadowed by the hauling fees.

Budget Public Hearing at 7 p.m. - Chair Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. and stated she would go through the budget by each section, in order to answer any questions.

4215 Ambulance - Chief MacDuffie explained that Penacook had been transporting for free all of this time and only collecting the insurance payment, which is no longer sustainable for them to keep six full-time EMTs on staff, so we are at their mercy and this has to be done for next year.

4415 Health Agencies - Judy Elliott stated she has taken over for Sally Jones as a volunteer and has worked as the local school nurse for many, many years. Mrs. Elliott stated she read in the committee's minutes that a vote was taken to reduce the VNA budget by \$1K and she is here tonight to provide some additional information to show why the funds are so important. In 2018 the VNA provided 4 home health aides, 100 skilled visits, 174 visits to Salisbury, 46 physical therapy visits and 24 occupational therapy visits. The VNA was paid \$5,200.45 dollars for the home health aide visit which didn't include mileage. The gross costs for all visits was \$51,660 dollars and the VNA was paid \$23K. The VNA made 40 foot care visits that cost \$1,230 dollars but were only paid \$615 dollars. They conducted 30 blood pressure checks which cost \$1,050 dollars and received no payment. Mrs. Elliott noted the Medicare payment is not even close to what is asked for and the request to the Town has been a steady \$3K. Mrs. Elliott stated it is important to keep the lines of communication open because the VNA is 75 years old. Sal Morgani asked how much money a "tax exempt" organization can have on hand before losing their status? Mrs. Elliott replied she does not know but will relay the questions to someone that may know. Chair Murphy stated the operating budget show an increase of 10.27%, the warrant has decreased by -51.67% and the capital budget shows a decrease of -21.71%. TA Warren stated the warrant article (capital) items were decreased in 2014 and it is typically done when the Town has other things going on. Chair Murphy announced that the overall budget shows an increase of \$14,006 dollars which is a 1.1% increase. Chair Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Bill MacDuffie Sr. made a **motion** to reapprove budget 4415 at \$3,000 dollars. Sandy Miller **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed**. **Sal Morgani was opposed**. Bill MacDuffie Sr. made a **motion** to approve the MS 737, revenue form at \$597,745 dollars. Dave Kelly **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**. Dave Kelly made a **motion** to approve the 2019 budget including the warrant articles at \$1,282,194 dollars.

Signing of the MS-737 - The Budget Committee signed the form.

Selectmen's Report - None at this time.

Other Business - None at this time.

Next Meeting – Will be held on ***Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*** at the Academy Hall.

Dave Kelly made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Dave Merwin **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted,
April Rollins, Municipal Secretary