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Grafton Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

Members present: Ed Grinley (Chair), Catherine Mulholland, Pam Curran, and Jennie Joyce (Select Board ex-officio)

Also present: Cindy Kudlik (minute taker)

Meeting called to order by Ed Grinley at 18:05.

Jennie moved to accept the July 26, 2018 minutes; Catherine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Budgets Reviewed

Planning Board: Down \$75 from last year; from \$375 to \$300 as submitted. There was some discussion regarding who pays for ads for public hearings and how the Planning Board can never spend any money. Jennie moved to accept the 2019 budget as proposed; Catherine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks & Rec Dept: Same as last year; \$3,450. With no discussion, Catherine moved to accept the 2019 budget as proposed; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisors of the Checklist: Down \$1,229 from last year; from \$3,159 to \$1,930 as submitted. Discussion regarding the decrease being due to fewer elections in 2019 and not submitting it on the form everyone's been asked to use. Catherine moved to accept the 2019 budget as proposed; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk: Down \$1,000 from last year; from \$37,250 to \$36,250 as submitted. With no discussion, Catherine moved to accept the 2019 budget as proposed; Pam seconded. Ed asked about discussing it first as he had concerns about the Supplies, Training, Fees to the Town Clerk and Wages line items being so high when so little has been spent this year. Catherine withdrew her motion. Decision was tabled until after discussing Tax Collector budget as well, to see if everyone felt it necessary to ask Bonnie to come to the next meeting for both budgets.

Tax Collector: Up \$600 from last year; from \$18,400 to \$19,000 as submitted. Discussion regarding note on bottom of form to raise deputy hours by \$200 and when Angela is paid from the Town Clerk or the Tax Collector budget. Catherine moved to ask Bonnie to come in to discuss both budgets; Jennie seconded. Motion passed with Pam abstaining.

Cemetery Trustees: Same as last year; \$8,000. The total is the same but the tax portion is down \$500 from \$6,700 to \$6,200 and gross basis (trust funds) is up \$500 from \$1,300 to \$1,800. Catherine moved to accept the 2019 budget as proposed; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 25th at 6 pm at the town office hall. Will go over the Highway & Sanitation Department budgets then. Will ask Bonnie to come in as well to answer questions about the Town Clerk and Tax Collector budgets.

Jennie moved to adjourned the meeting at 18:52; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kudlik