

PHIPPSBURG BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2017

Attendees:

Budget Committee: Ethan Debery, David Flaherty, Chris Mixon, Ed Toombs, Kim Albertson and Mike Young

Town Administrator: Amber Jones

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ed Toombs, at 6:00 pm

- 1) Maines First Ship submitted a donation request was received after the deadline for turn in.
 - a. Discussion as to whether or not the request should be considered
 - b. Maines first ship may be a worthy cause but it is not a social service as the other requesting donations are
 - c. It may be more appropriate to speak with a committee such as the Historic Society to request donations for this type of organization as part of the committee's budget request
 - d. It is a late submission
 - e. Motion made to not consider the Maine's First Ship Donation Request this year motion carried 6-0

- 2) Roads-Winter Account presented by Jarod Hawkes
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$340,000 (Increase of \$20,000 in FY17)
 - b) Allot of ice events this year
 - c) \$3500 anticipated being left in the account as of Mid-April
 - d) Current totals around \$250,000
 - e) Last Year's request was reduced at town meeting by the amount that was left over the prior year
 - f) No substantial increase in Sand or salt is expected for next winter.
 - g) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted with the understanding that the request will be reduced at the Town Meeting by the amount of money left over from this year. Motion Carried 6-0

- 2) Emergency Management (CF) Request presented by Gary Morong
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$600 (Same as FY17)
 - b) Used for Search and Rescue or shelter needs
 - c) Try to maintain \$2500 in the account
 - d) May need to by a new pager this year
 - e) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted. Motion Carried 6-0

- 3) Community Access Television OPS (CF) Request presented by Gary Morong
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$3,400
 - b) Considering merging \$2,400 streaming account into Ops account
 - c) Streaming is beneficial to those who do not have access to Cable
 - d) New camera and Tripod purchased for \$3,500
 - e) Possibly \$6000 for audio set up in meeting room
 - f) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request of \$5,800 (ops + Streaming) Motion Carried 6-0

- 4) Community Access Television PEG Capital(CF) Request presented by Gary Morong
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$0
 - b) No Action from Budget Committee Required

- 5) Totman Library (CF) Request presented by Michelle Iverson
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$35,000 (Same as FY17)
 - b) Library has their own Budget accounting process
 - c) Usage is up by approx. 20-25% over last year
 - d) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted. Motion Carried 6-0

- 6) Totman Library Capital (CF) Request presented by Michelle Morong
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$4,500 (Same as FY17)
 - b) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted. Motion Carried 6-0

- 7) Fishway (Center Pond) (CF) Request presented by Troy Wallace
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$3,000 (increase of \$3,000 from FY17)
 - b) NOAH Grant applied for was not awarded last year but the committee is reapplying this year as submitted.
 - c) The Committee will be asking for town support from Surplus again this year
 - d) Nature Conservancy has allotted \$25,000 in support
 - e) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted. Motion Carried 6-0

- 8) Center Pond Fishway Capital (CF) Request presented by Troy Wallace
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$20,000 (same as FY17 + Grant Matching of \$48,000)
 - b) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted. Motion Carried 6-0
 - c) Motion made to recommend Grant matching \$48,000 out of surplus. Motion Carried 6-0

- 9) Shellfish (CF) Request presented by David Gray
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$2,000 (decrease of \$7,000 from FY17)
 - b) License fees have gone up
 - c) Would like to purchase an upweller so that smaller less expensive seed calms can be purchased and grown before reseeding
 - d) Price or upweller is unknown at this time
 - e) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted. Motion Carried 6-0

- 10) Harbor Commission (CF) Request presented by Ethan Debery
 - a) FY18 Budget Request is \$1,300 (same as FY17)
 - b) Training is always at the end of the FY
 - c) Recommended a Capital Account be set up in the future for replacing equipment
 - d) Budget Committee moved to recommend the request as submitted. Ethan Debery abstains from vote Motion Carried 5-1-0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm

