

## Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

I. Chairman Lydia Goetze opened the budget meeting at 4:05 PM. In attendance George Jellison jr., Dan Norwood, Chad Terry, Manager Lagrange and Assistant Manager Lowell. Ryan Donahue arrived at at 4:20 PM

II. Budget Review:

FY 17-18 YTD Summary: Manager Lagrange presented year to date summary of current expense report indicating all departments below the 50% expense mark going into the second half of the year. Two departments showing higher expenses than 50% include CEO which had wages that should have been debited from Administration and the Boards & Commissions department which debited tree removal expenses that should have been taken from a reserve.

Harbor/Harbor CIP: Harbormaster Adam Thurston presented the harbor budget request with a 6% reduction from previous year. The purchase of the Hook property eliminated the annual lease of \$8,000 which was suggested by Chairman Goetze to place in the Hook Property reserve. Ryan Donahue moved to add \$8,000 to CIP Hook property, seconded by Dan Norwood and voted in favor 5/0/0.

Public Library: Candy Emlen and Charles Stanhope represented the Southwest Harbor public library in their request for municipal supporting funds in the same amount as requested the previous year. Candy Emlen has noted her retirement after 30 years of service.

Island Explorer Bus: Executive Director Paul Murphy of Downeast Transportation which operates the Island Explorer Bus indicated last season's ridership exceeded the centennial year by 2%, which is significant due to the record breaking ridership during the centennial year.

Fire Department/Fire CIP: Fire Chief Martell changes to the proposed budget included adding \$300 for janitorial services which is paid at \$25/hr., and increasing dues and publication fees by \$150. The expense for Emergency Management, (\$1,000) and FF Life Insurance (\$200) will be reviewed by Town Manager. Mr. Martell provided a list of truck equipment to relate with the CIP program including potential future costs. Also discussed was driveway width requirements with reference to Mt Desert policy.

Administration/Admin & Municipal Bldg. CIP: George Jellison moved to add to the agenda a discussion regarding town manager position and the budget associated with it. A handout describing proposal was distributed. Dan Norwood second the motion and was approved 3/2/0 with Lydia Goetze and Chad Terry against. It was suggested to offer Marilyn Lowell the position of town manager in conjunction with town clerk duties which would save the addition of another staff person and \$90,000 less than the projected budget.

Adjourn Budget Meeting: Due to the lateness of the meeting and no agreed resolution, Chad Terry moved to adjourn meeting at 7:38 PM, seconded by Ryan Donahue and voted in favor 5/0/0.