

Sanbornton Municipal Budget Committee

Meeting Date and Time: November 20, 2017, Sanbornton Town Offices

Present: Ralph Rathjen, Craig Davis, Earl Leighton, John Vorel, Craig Weisman, Selectmen
Representative Karen Ober

Absent: Justin Barriault

Chair Ralph Rathjen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mail/Correspondence: Ralph Rathjen passed along correspondence to Karen Ober regarding donation requests. Karen Ober explained that there are many organizations send in requests. Katie Ambrose to follow up. The amount that is given the most is First Fruits Food Pantry. They provide two times a month one of them is just for town residents. Focus is on those organizations that provide services to our town residents. Franklin VNA, and Lakes Region receives funds each year because of their services to our town residents. Amount total available last year \$8,700. Funds were given to Central NH VNA & Hospice, Child & Family Services, Community Action Program, First Fruits food pantry and Franklin VNA. Received other various donation requests totaling \$2,500, which were not given donations. The Select Board will consider this further.

Chair Ralph Rathjen made a motion to move onto other business and leave donation requests largely to the BOS. Craig Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of draft minutes 8/21: Craig Davis made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the last Budget Committee Meeting on August 21, 2017 and Ralph Rathjen seconded. All were in favor.

Approval of draft minutes 9/11: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the joint meeting with the Board of Selectman on September 11, 2017. Karen Ober made the motion, Craig Davis seconded. All were in favor.

Budget Materials: Budget materials/requests were distributed to members for reference and review. All members received copies of all materials to review and to decide which departments would be asked to come before the committee during the next meeting to review their requests. Chair Ralph Rathjen listed the scheduled meeting dates as follows: 12/4, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, for the Budget Committee, 1/16 joint meeting with Select Board and 2/6 is a scheduled public hearing. Chair Ralph Rathjen listed the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Health and Welfare department, Elections, Conservation Commission, Cemetery and Legal Services, Patriotic Services and the Department of Public Works to be reviewed at the 12/4 meeting. Appropriate invites would be made before the Budget Committee on 12/4 meeting.

Karen Ober mentioned that the transfer station asking for a concrete pad and a metal dumpster. This way, there would be more income for clean metal. Earl Leighton mentioned Nutter would be able to provide additional information about this and a scale. This would be a portable scale sufficient for a ten wheeler. Craig Weisman will follow up with this company to receive more information and a cost estimate. Craig Weisman asked whether the BOS had discussed the BC suggested increase in tag fees at the transfer station. John Vorel said it was his opinion that it would be reasonable to keep the pink tag and perhaps increasing the price of the pink tag for smaller bags. John Vorel said people will make good use of the tags, since they are for smaller bags and they would be easier to handle. An increase of price was discussed. Karen Ober mentioned that the prices have increased recently. Craig Weisman said that the number of people that would be troubled by the increase would be marginal.

Chair Ralph Rathjen mentioned that there will be a discussion at the 12/4 meeting about the meeting schedule of departments for the following meeting.

Karen Ober made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Weisman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.