



# Warner Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 9, 2017  
**APPROVED**

Mike Cutting opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Committee members in attendance: Mike Cutting, Martha Mical, David Minton, Jonathan Lord, Alfred Hanson, Martha Bodnarik

Absent: Kimberley Edelman, Pete Newman

Others present: Jim Bingham, Judy Newman-Rogers, Ray Martin, Clyde Carson, Apryl Blood, Tim Blagden, Nancy Martin

## **1. Meeting Minutes**

- A. Jonathan moved to approve meeting minutes dated November 2, 2017. David seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
- B. The Town Administrator asked the Committee members if any would be interested in volunteering to complete the Budget Committee meeting minutes because the recorder of the minutes has extra duties this time of year. No members were interested in doing the minutes. The current recording secretary will continue creating the minutes. The Committee agreed the minutes do not need to be in great detail. There may be some increased hours used to complete the necessary minutes. Judy, as the Town Clerk, feels the detail of meeting minutes should not be sacrificed, pay for an outside source or pay overtime.

## **2. 2018 Budget Review - Warner Village Water District**

- A. Ray Martin presented the 2018 Warner Village Water District budget.

### **Highlights:**

- The 2018 budget totals \$412,000.
- Sites are being sought for a third well.
- The solar array is producing as advertised. From July 2016 to July 2017 the array produced 139,000 kilowatt hours. The savings in electricity is about \$4,000 for the year.
- A 2% wage increase.

## **3. 2018 Budget Review – Parks & Recreation Commission**

- A. Apryl Blood from the Parks & Recreation Commission presented their 2018 budget.

### **Highlights:**

- A new liner is needed for the ice rink, \$1,700 was budgeted.
- The cost for a camera at Riverside has been budgeted for \$1,177.
- Apryl has requested funding from the Fall Foliage Festival which won't be known until January, if granted, the budget will be adjusted. The total request amounts to \$6,580.
- Martha Mical asked about the status on the Commission's revolving fund. Apryl said in January 2017 the balance was \$2,313. There was a \$1,000 donation and a co-ed softball deposit in the amount \$2,485, the balance in the fund is \$1,876. Rink supplies were purchased in January, Green Leaf Irrigation was paid from the fund, website hosting yearly fee, co-ed softball supplies, and a cyclone rake was purchased using the fund.
- 200 hours for part-time help is in the 2018 budget for helping to keep the infields in playing condition. Further discussion is needed by the Selectmen. Clyde agrees additional hours are needed. Martha Mical feels it's time for the parents to start donating time. Apryl said there is parent participation, it's having someone available to take care of the fields on a daily basis.

- Martha B. recommended charging a fee for hockey teams using the rink.
- Martha M. thanked Apryl for all her time and effort that she puts into the Parks & Recreation Commission.

#### **4. 2018 Budget Review – Health & Welfare**

A. Jim presented the 2018 budgets, no changes from last year.

##### **Highlights**

- Martha B. informed the Committee that she has been approached by 3 resident's who feel the Town Administrator should not be the Welfare Director because he doesn't live in town and he doesn't know resident history. They want to see a separate administrator. Clyde said he too has had people speak to him and feels the time has come to reinstate a Welfare Director.

#### **5. 2018 Budget Review – Building Inspector**

A. No changes from last year.

#### **6. 2018 Budget Review – Conservation Commission**

A. Nancy Martin, Chair of the Conservation Commission, presented the 2018 budget.

##### **Highlights:**

- No change in the budget.
- There are 5 projects in the works which will be paid from the Conservation Fund.
- Mike asked if the Commission will be asking for additional funds. Nancy said there is \$125K in the Conservation Fund and when all 5 projects close that fund will be expended and may need to come to the town for the last project. The total cost for the 5 projects is about \$160K. Nancy explained that 2 of the projects may not happen.

#### **7. 2018 Budget Review – Old Grade School**

A. Total budget is \$16,101 for 2018.

##### **Highlights:**

- The Community Action Program has completed about \$15K in improvements at no cost to the town.
- The projected work in 2018 is painting the fire escape and working on the parking lot.

#### **8. 2018 Budget Review – Town Hall**

A. Total budget is \$19,056 for 2018.

#### **9. Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017.

#### **10. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:14 pm.

Recorder of the minutes: Mary Whalen