

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 21, 2016

Members Present: Ruell, Coleman, Lyford, Hoerter, Badger, Lamos, Cilley
Downing

Member Excused: Stewart

Others Present: Charlie Smith, Tim Paquette, Fran Newton, Steve Felton

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Ashland School library.

Town Budget. The Committee continued discussing and voting on the 2017 Town Budget. The motions and votes were as follows:

Building Inspector. On a motion by Badger, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 4 to 3 to recommend \$21,003 for the Building Inspector account.

Emergency Management. On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$3000 for the Emergency Management account.

Public Works. A motion by Downing, seconded by Hoerter, to recommend \$14,000 for Overtime failed on a 2 to 5 vote. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Lamos, it was voted to recommend \$259,514 for the Public Works account.

Highways and Streets. On a motion by Badger, seconded by Lamos, it was voted to recommend \$206,033 for the Highways and Streets account.

Town Mechanic. A motion was made by Cilley, seconded by Badger, to recommend \$81,511 for the Town Mechanic account. On a motion by Downing, seconded by Coleman, it was voted 4 to 3 to amend the the Town Mechanic account motion to \$80,511, by changing Overtime to \$1000. It was then voted 6 to 1 to approve the amended motion, to recommend \$80,511 for the Town Mechanic account.

Street Lighting. On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, it was voted 4 to 2 (with 1 abstention) to recommend \$42,000 for Street Lighting.

Hoerter then left the meeting early, as she had previously explained.

Transfer/Recycling. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Badger, it was voted 6 to 0 to recommend \$1765 for Solid Waste Dues. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Badger, it was voted 5 to 1 to recommend \$130,683 for the

Transfer/Recycling Account.

Health Officer. On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 6 to 0 to recommend \$100 for General Expense. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Coleman, it was voted to recommend \$2254 for the Health Officer account.

General Assistance. A motion by Cilley, seconded by Downing, to recommend \$500 for Assistant Stipend failed on a 3 to 3 tie vote. A motion by Cilley, seconded by Coleman, to recommend \$5000 for Director Salary failed on a 1 to 5 vote. A motion by Coleman, seconded by Downing, to recommend \$7500 for the General Assistance line failed on a 3 to 3 vote. A motion by Badger, seconded by Lamos, to recommend \$29,478 for the General Assistance account failed on 3 to 3 vote.

Coleman, Downing and Lyford then left the meeting, so the meeting ended for lack of a quorum.

David Ruell, Chairman