

## **Town of Danbury**

### **Municipal Budget Committee – Meeting Minutes**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Call to Order 6:30pm

Members present: Lenny Ryan, Anna Hullinger, Jessica Hatch (Selectman's rep), Doug Boisvert, Tracy Feinauer

Members absent: Jim Phelps, Laura Upton-Baker

Selectmen Present: Tracy Shepard

Old business:

Minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 reviewed:

Jessica noted "Budget Committee" Deliberative Session on page three should be changed to "First" Deliberative Session.

Lenny motioned to approve minutes as amended, Anna 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by voice vote.

Doug to send approved minutes to Jessica to be posted on the Town of Danbury website.

Town of Danbury Electrical Supply:

At the December 8<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee Meeting, a request for information was given to Selectmen in regard to the kWh rate the Town of Danbury pays for electricity.

Jessica provided information in regard to the Town of Danbury Electrical Supply, the Town is in a contract with Constellation Energy for their electrical supply. The kWh rate paid from March 2022 to November 2022 was \$.08350, the rate for November 2022 to November 2023 will be \$.08820

The Town uses a Standard Power as a broker to find the best rates. The Town has a contract with them to participate in their hydro program. Every quarter they send a reimbursement of \$.003/kWh used by the Town. For the first 3 quarters of 2022, the Town has received \$125.34 in rebates from Standard Power.

New business:

Municipal Street Lighting

No change to this section.

Selectmen recommended budget request in the amount of \$5,300.00

Lenny motioned to approve selectmen's recommended budget request of \$5,300.00, Anna second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Transfer Station:

Discussion ensued in regard to individual lines and recommended changes.

Electricity line increased by \$500.00 from \$1,400.00 to \$1,900.00

Compactor Maintenance line decreased by \$30.00 from \$480.00 to \$450.00

Solid Waste Contract line increased by \$3,150.00 from \$90,000.00 to \$93,150.00

Pemi Baker Dues line decrease by \$262.00 from \$1,971.00 to \$1,709.00

Selectmen recommended increase for Transfer Station is \$3,358.00 from \$149,657.00 to \$153,015.00

Anna motioned to approve selectmen's recommended budget request of \$153,015.00, Lenny second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Health Associations:

Discussion ensued in regard to individual lines and recommended changes.

Lakes Region VNA-NANA line decreased by \$2,000.00 from \$2,000.00 to \$0.00

Mid-State Health Center line decreased by \$500.00 from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00

CASA of NH line increased by \$250.00 from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00

Selectmen recommended decrease for Health Associations is \$2,250.00 from \$7,700.00 to \$5,450.00

Anna motioned to approve selectmen's decrease of \$2,250.00 for a total of \$5,450.00, Doug second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Welfare Administration:

Discussion ensued in regard to individual lines and recommended changes.

Welfare and Health Inspector line increased by \$500.00 from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00

Selectmen recommended increase for Welfare Administration is \$500.00 from \$5,500.00 to \$6,000.00

Lenny motioned to approve selectmen's increase of \$500.00 for a total of \$6,000.00, Tracy second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Recreation Department:

Discussion ensued in regard to individual lines and recommended changes.

Bristol Community Center line increased by \$2,700.00 from \$13,973.00 to \$16,673.00

Selectmen recommended increase for Recreation Department of \$2,700.00 from \$17,523.00 to \$20,223.00

Lenny motioned to approve selectmen's increase of \$2,700.00 for a total of \$20,223.00, Anna second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Library:

Discussion ensued in regard to individual lines and recommended changes.

Wages line increased by \$1,803.00 from \$8,197.00 to \$10,000.00

Telephone line increased by \$76.00 from \$504.00 to \$580.00

Electricity line increased by \$75.00 from \$500.00 to \$575.00

Heat line increased by \$225.00 from \$1500.00 to \$1,725.00

Repairs and Maintenance line increased by \$300.00 from \$200.00 to \$500.00

Office Supplied line increased by \$25.00 from \$150.00 to \$175.00

Postage line increased by \$30.00 from \$100.00 to \$130.00

Books and Periodicals line increased by \$800.00 from \$1,700.00 to \$2,500.00

Selectmen recommended increase for Library of \$3,334.00 from \$13,351.00 to \$16,685.00

Lenny motioned to approve selectmen's increase of \$3,334.00 for a total of \$16,685.00, Doug second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Patriotic Purposes:

No change to this section.

Selectmen recommended budget request in the amount of \$700.00

Lenny motioned to approve selectmen's recommended budget request of \$700.00, Tracy second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Other Cultural/Recreation:

Discussion ensued in regard to individual lines and recommended changes.

Danbury Community Center line increase of \$8,200.00 from \$16,000.00 to \$24,200.00

Historical Society line increase of \$100.00 from \$700.00 to \$800.00

Selectmen recommended increase for Other Cultural/Recreation of \$8,300.00 from \$16,700.00 to \$25,000.00

Lenny motioned to approve selectmen's increase of \$8,300.00 for a total of \$25,000.00, Anna second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

LTD Expense/Principal Bonds:

No change to this section.

Selectmen recommended budget request in the amount of \$53,750.00

Lenny motioned to approve selectmen's recommended budget request of \$53,750.00, Anna second, voice vote taken, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Total Expenses:

Selectmen recommended increase for Total Expenses of \$104,502.00 from \$1,442,268.00 to \$1,546,770.00

Budget Committee recommended increase for Total Expenses of \$153,402.00 from \$1,442,268.00 to \$1,541,920.00

Lenny motioned to accept Budget Committees recommend increase of \$99,652.00 for a total of \$1,541,920.00, Doug second, voice vote take, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Next meeting will be on 12/29/22 at 6:30pm.

Upcoming dates of importance:

Budget Committee Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00pm, snow date of Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00pm

Budget Committee is required to present their final budget to the Selectmen no later than January 26, 2023

First Deliberative Session scheduled for Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00pm, snow date of Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00pm

Danbury Town Voting Day scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Anna motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm, Lenny 2<sup>nd</sup>, verbal vote taken, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Douglas Boisvert*