

Town of Danbury

Municipal Budget Committee – Meeting Minutes

November 22nd, 2022

Call to Order 6:30 pm

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

Selectmen present: Ruby Hill, Tracy Shepard

Members absent: Laura Upton-Baker

Old business:

Minutes from November 17th, 2022

“the amount of \$800.00 would be encumbered in the mowing line, no need for an increase to the 2023 budget year” sentence was removed from the Recreation Department section. Added “Levesque” after Kyle under the Emergency Management Director section.

Jessica motioned to approve minutes as amended, Lenny 2nd, approved by voice vote.

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

New business:

Danbury Community Center:

Kendra Braley and Gary Jones came in to discuss the Danbury Community Center (DCC) budget.

Handout of Danbury Community Center budget

Kendra discussed fund raising, income, expenses and the benefits the DCC brings to the town of Danbury.

The DCC has not receive one of their yearly larger donations for a few years, this has made it difficult for the DCC over to continue over the last few years. Discussion ensued about the budget, expenses, income and the requested increase to the DCC budget. The DCC has not asked for an increase since 2011.

Total requested appropriation for 2023 is \$32,000.00, an increase of \$16,000.00

Will be voted on at a later date.

Voter Election:

Jessica discussed with Kendra Braley about the need for a new computer for the supervisor checklist as well as raises for the supervisors of the checklist.

There is no need for a new computer at this point in time.

Further discussion on the Voter Election line will take place at a later date.

Library:

Cathy Vincevic, chairperson of the library trustees came in to discuss the Library budget.

Cathy discussed the budget and the biggest change to the budget request, this is due to an increase in librarian wages. The library is excited about obtaining a program to download audio books and e-books, this will make the services provided by the library much better, there will be no charge to the consumer to use this software. Discussion ensued about the increases to the budget.

Total requested appropriation for 2023 is \$16,682.50, an increase of \$3,331.50

Will be voted on at a later date.

Treasurer:

Jessica received notification that there will be no change to any of the Treasurer lines for the 2023 budget year.

Total requested appropriation for 2023 is \$4,050.00

Will be voted on at a later date.

No other departments scheduled to come in to present their budgets.

Jessica received more information from Kyle Levesque, more documentation came through from Homeland Security, this documentation will be forwarded to Selectmen.

Right to know request:

A right to know request has been received for information from the 2023 budget committee meetings. Selectmen's office will provide a response to the requestor.

Danbury Budget Committee meetings are open for the public to attend.

All information is public and is available for viewing upon request to the Selectmen's office.

Next meeting will be on 12/1/22 at 6:30pm.

Lenny motioned to adjourn at 7:16 pm, Jim 2nd, verbal vote taken, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Boisvert