

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 9:30 AM
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS	TOWN HALL

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PRESENT: L. M. Smith, Chairman; E. B. Beattie, Vice Chairman; L. Gargiulo, Selectman; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator, K. Anderson, Secretary.

The following budget items were reviewed with discussion, additions and deletions.

ACCOUNT 4194

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

(430) \$300 was moved from tree trimming to roof repairs. L. Ruest pointed out that the annual generator service (390) is for the Public Safety Building. Costs are still being determined for the parking lots paving/concrete work/stripping for 2020 (430).

ACCOUNT 4196

INSURANCE

L. Ruest pointed out that the amount shown for property-liability insurance is based on the 7% CAP rate through Primex. The actual expense will be adjusted when it is received.

ACCOUNT 4192

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(550) The printing line has been decreased and there is an increase in the part-time position line (120) for the new minute taker.

ACCOUNT 4520

PARKS AND RECREATION

Lyn Stan presented the budget and noted the increase in line (430) for gravel shoulders at the town common and repairs to the bandstand roof and face boards. The maintenance and repairs (630) has been reduced because the work at Governor Weare Park is just about complete.

The Revolving Account currently has a balance of \$22,670.51 with \$17,000 reserved for the floating dock.

ACCOUNT 4550

LIBRARY

Beth Forgione, Library Trustee presented the library budget which is level funded from 2019. She noted that any salary increases/benefits will be taken from the current budget.

Coordination for the signing of the electric aggregation agreement was arranged for October 25th.

ACCOUNT 4193

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Board had no concerns with the budget.

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ACCOUNT 4323/4324

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The current contracts for solid waste collection and disposal expire 6/30/20 so costs have been estimated for the second half of 2020. Requests for proposals for these services will need to start as early as January, 2020 and increases are expected due to the changes in the waste disposal rules and recycling markets. The current disposal rate is \$65 per ton and the Town Administrator noted that she has been hearing costs could be as high as \$100-125 per ton. For budget purposes solid waste collection (365) has been increased \$15,000 to account for the second half of 2020.

L. Gargiulo noted that there needs to be a discussion about the future of recycling. Pinard had reported that one reason costs would be increasing was due to the restriction from the BOS as a result of liability concerns for collecting both sides of a street at the same time. E. Beattie would like to know what the cost difference actually is. The Town Administrator will try to coordinate a meeting for the Board with the vendors and solid waste committee in October.

L. Ruest told the Board that she was also looking at alternatives for electronics recycling (390) since the quantity being collected is much less and the container is not being filled.

No funds have been budgeted for Other Improvements (730) although the Hazard Mitigation Plan has recommended improvements to the brush dump fencing. L. Ruest said that it use of the Government Building CRF could be possible for that fencing. E. Beattie said that can be discussed when the Board looks at the use of those funds.

(810) Tipping Fees for solid waste have been calculated at \$85 per ton to account for the anticipated increase. E. Beattie noted that so much depends on recycling; better recycling reduces that waste tonnage.

ACCOUNT 4415/4442

HEALTH AGENCIES AND WELFARE

L. Ruest pointed out that many agencies have not submitted their 2020 requests and it is anticipated that this account will be level funded. Any new requests are handled through a warrant article. Welfare has been level funded and while expenses have been low this year, the town is required to have funds available for the purposes shown. L. Gargiulo said that this is the type of account that can be referenced when concerns are raised that the town always has funds remaining at year-end.

ACCOUNT 4195

CEMETERIES

The Board had no concerns with the presented budget and noted that a lot of work is done with donated services.

During a break in the review, E. Beattie updated the Board on the Tercentennial Committee meeting held last night. Plans are underway for a Village Green Fair in June and a Pumpkin Carving event of some type in the fall. An auction is being discussed as a major fund-raiser in conjunction with the Village Green Fair. A town photograph is also being planned. The funds being raised now will help determine the events that can be held for the Tercentennial.

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ACCOUNT 4611

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

L. Ruest presented the budget on behalf of S. Hanson. The budget is increased by \$4,000 (730) for the addition of a fence at Marsh Lane. The commission would like to adjust the funding in some of the accounts, without changing the overall budget amount.

L. Smith explained that the Conservation Commission would like to have calendars printed as a fund-raiser and have the money available in their 2019 budget, but not in the printing line. L. Ruest said that the (570) Other Purchased Services line would be appropriate for the calendar costs.

L. Ruest will take all of the adjustments made by the Board of Selectmen and update the spreadsheets and provide the first summary sheet for the next budget reviews on October 15-17. The health insurance rates are expected on October 15th. She will have the first draft of the warrant available at that time. The Board will discuss use of the Communication and Expendable Trust Funds at that time. L. Gargiulo told the Board that the CIP Committee would like to see the warrant article for the police radio system to come from the Communication Fund. The intent is to have the final draft to the Board for the first meeting in December, post the budget public hearing mid-December and hold the public hearing on January 8, 2020.

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MOTION: E. Beattie

SECOND: L. Gargiulo

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