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## **Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM, in the Matthew Thornton Room

Chairman Rothhaus called the meeting of the Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Vice Chairman Koenig, Councilor Boyd, Councilor Harrington, Councilor Healey, Councilor Thornton, Town Manager, Eileen Cabanel, and Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Paul Micali. Councilor Albert was excused.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Rothhaus led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Review of Proposed FY20 Budget**

Town Manager Cabanel spoke of recommendations for changes/amendments to the proposed budget ([copy of proposed changes attached](#)).

#### **General Government**

Line Item #01-01-8359-0 Other Outside Services; Collection agency - delinquent ambulance bills; the \$9,209 increase initially proposed has been removed. The Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director reviewed the line and determined it could remain level funded.

01-01-8270-0 Dues & Fees; New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) - Council stated the desire to discuss funding this line item.

Regarding General Fund surplus, Town Manager Cabanel stated the approx. \$116,588 represents a refund the Town will receive from Primex (Workers' Comp.). That amount will become part of the fund balance, and could be used to reduce the tax rate.

#### **Fire Department**

01-03-8459-0 Physical Exams; there is no need to do the in-depth physicals - \$15,750 reduction.

#### **Police Department**

Following budget preparation, employees have retired, and the positions filled (lesser salary). The result is a savings of \$37,824.

#### **Communications**

01-05-8334-0 Maintenance-Office Equipment; SPOTS terminal; \$4,500 reduction.

#### **Highway**

01-08-8359-0 Other Outside Services; Asphalt Pile Recycling proposed is a reduction of \$35,000 and an addition of \$50,000 for roads.

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Were the Council to make all the proposed changes, the result would be a decrease in appropriations of \$74,803, an increase in revenue of \$116,588 for a total savings of \$191,391. The tax rate would then be at \$5.05, which is \$.05 less than the current year's tax rate.

There are four union contracts that total an additional \$0.04 on the tax rate making the overall tax rate \$5.09.

Asked if there are projects that will require the asphalt recycling, Kyle Fox, Director, Public Works Department (PWD) responded there will not be a need.

**MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Harrington to add Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to Line Item #01-01-8270-0 Dues & Fees; NHMA**

### ON THE QUESTION

Vice Chairman Koenig noted the reduced cost from the annual dues of \$25,000, provided for the coming year. The Town could use the year to re-evaluate where it is with the organization, how they can help the different departments, committees, etc.

The NHMA is an association of about 221 towns and cities in the State that work together to promote municipal concerns, conduct training, and collectively get everyone up to speed on what is necessary for elections, land use, legal issues, etc. (member services plan can be viewed [here](#)). They are an advocate for the cities and towns.

Regarding legislative advocacy, NHMA staff carry out member-adopted policy positions/maintain State aid and local control/limit local government disruption. Their legislative bulletin provides status updates, inside information, and calls for action/final end-of-session compilation of municipally-related legislation passed.

Vice Chairman Koenig commented there are many ways for people to understand what is going on in the Legislature, but this is a way that consolidates it for the benefit of the municipalities. While the Town Administrators can be watching what is occurring and our State Legislators can report back on what is occurring, it is convenient to receive the Legislative Bulletin that comes through, identifying issues impacting towns.

The Town doesn't necessarily agree with their position on everything, but with most things, including the MS4 review they conducted, the Town will benefit from their additional expertise.

Educational workshops are provided addressing municipal law, land use, etc. The Annual Conference provides two (2) full days of educational programming and training opportunities for every local official on a wide variety of topics. Vice Chairman Koenig commented on having attended the OSP Conference last year, and heard about solar and how it is impacting land use situations. The NHMA investigates those kind of things as well.

It is easy to think of the NHMA as legal services for the smaller towns or even helping the smaller towns that don't really have community development programs, but there is a great deal more to what

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they have to offer. Merrimack does not get as much benefit out of that; however, were the Conservation Commission to have legal questions members could look to the NHMA to review a matter and provide comment or opinion rather than going through the Town Manager to access the Town's legal counsel and incur a cost to do so. Vice Chairman Koenig commented while on the Budget Committee he was able to use that during a time when he, as the Chairman, disagreed with the opinion of the Board of Selectmen, and did not feel comfortable looking to the Town's attorney for an opinion.

There is turnover in the Town's Administration, Council, Boards, Committees, etc., and those training services need to be available so that new individuals can understand what the impacts of the job are.

A listing was provided of the offerings of the NHMA and what departments felt they would be able to utilize.

Councilor Harrington stated she would like to see the Town take advantage of this reduced rate for the coming year. She spoke of the discussion that occurred in 2013. The feedback being received now was not present at that time. The Planning Board has always indicated the desire for access to the services, but other departments had not made their needs known. She requested, over the course of the next year, each department keep record of how membership is utilized.

Councilor Boyd stated his opposition to the motion. He spoke of the arguments made back in 2013 regarding the goings on between the NHMA and the Local Government Center. Over the past 6 years, the community has grown and done so without the NHMA's guidance. We have the best Manager in the State and some of the best department heads and staff in the State. All of them working collectively as a team have been able to guide the Council for the past 6 years. The Town has held property taxes to just below \$5.00 to \$5.50. Property values have grown from \$2.9 billion to \$3.3 billion. Director Fox brings forward grant opportunities for projects. If the concern is with training and access to updates on legal issues, resources include Drummond Woodsum; Matt Upton is one of the best municipal law attorneys in the State. The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a resource for land use issues.

The NRPC would love to do training with the Merrimack Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, and is more in tune with what is going on not just in Merrimack, but in the region.

Regarding training on the Right-to-Know Law, he would look to Matt Upton, Secretary of State's Office, Attorney General's Office. There are many resources available to the Town. The resources could be better leveraged rather than going back to the NHMA. Outside of a 25-year relationship, there was minimal value they provided the community. Merrimack is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest community in the State and has grown because of the great people we have in place. To pay \$17,000 to an organization he does not believe has his community's best interest at heart, is a waste of money.

Councilor Harrington commented the suggestion that being in favor of this one-year experiment in any way diminishes our intention with the Town's Directors or Town Manager; she does not see the correlation. To imply it is inaccurate.

Councilor Boyd remarked, the resources that would be utilized are already out there. He stated agreement with the statements regarding the Council's regard for staff. He intended to state the

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Council has done a great job empowering the team, e.g., has provided the resources needed to do the job they do. There are opportunities to access additional resources without having to allocate \$17,000 for this organization that the Town cut ties with back in 2013.

Chairman Rothhaus agreed the Town's team does an amazing job and without NHMA, but the person who would use it most in Community Development, speaks extremely highly in favor of the need for it. That is why he is willing to fund membership at the reduced rate for one year to try it out. Having some means of receiving feedback to determine how it is used would be beneficial.

Councilor Boyd spoke of the MS4 item. At the end of the day, they didn't acquire the desired result. The Town allocated \$5,000 to Director Fox and his team to participate in a special consortium to address that permit. He sat in on one of their meetings, was very comfortable with the people involved, and felt Town staff was actively engaged in that process. Although the NHMA was doing their own thing on the MS4, he felt the Town was getting great benefit out of the \$5,000 spent on that project. At the end of the day, the State lost that argument, and it wasn't because of the NHMA or the consortium.

Chairman Rothhaus spoke of the information provided by the Director of the PWD speaking in favor of the Town rejoining the NHMA. Councilor Boyd stated he values the opinions of the Directors of Community Development and the PWD; but has a difference of opinion.

Councilor Healey questioned and was told the NHMA does act as a lobbyist for the communities. She spoke of issues coming before the Legislature, and remarked it would be helpful if the communities got together to request the NHMA lobby for items.

Councilor Boyd stated their legislative updates/bulletins are public information that can be accessed on the website. They publicly supported HB104, Housing Appeals Board, because they found no reason to oppose it (according to their bulletin). Vice Chairman Koenig stated everything he heard indicated they had taken a "no position" on that one.

Councilor Thornton stated there to be two reasons membership would be utilized; lobbying for the Town and training. He spoke of the example Vice Chairman Koenig provided where an individual sitting on a Town board has an issue with the Town Council, Town Manager, etc., and would not want to seek advice from the Town's legal counsel. He stated agreement with the one-year membership to explore how it is utilized.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

**5-1-0**

*Councilor Boyd voted in opposition*

Councilor Harrington questioned if school administration can attend workshops, etc., under the membership of the Town, and was informed the School District has its own membership.

#### **Highway**

Councilor Boyd questioned what action would need to occur in order to increase the allocation to 01-08-8505-0 Infrastructure/Paving to \$1 million. The response was that an additional \$150,000 would result in \$0.04 on the tax rate.

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**MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the recommendations of the Administration for the additional items totaling One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$191,391) as detailed. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0**

Chairman Rothhaus read the following letter into the record:

*“Dear Fellow Councilors, I will be unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to the fact my dad has gone into hospice care, and we are trying to spend some time with him. I recognize the importance of finalizing the Town budget for 2019-2020, and since I will not be in attendance, I respectfully request the Chairman read into the record my position on the following budgetary items:*

*Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs); I am in favor of and support all of the four currently agreed upon CBAs between the Town and our unions as well as raises for our non-union employees understanding that it will increase the tax rate \$0.06 - \$0.08 per \$1,000. I believe that our Town services provided by these folks are among the best in the State.*

*The Welfare Department; 01-25-8399-0 Social & Health Services, I support the proposed budget amount of \$75,833, and believe each one of the listed organizations assist our citizens and our various departments, and without these organizations’ help, it would be difficult for those in need to get the services they require.*

*I support the transfer of funds from the General Fund to assist tax relief for the next fiscal year.*

*I am not in favor of hiring any new police or fire positions for the upcoming fiscal year.*

*I am in favor of the \$90,000 for pond dredging/beach erosion control (01-13-8505-0 Infrastructure) at Wasserman Park.*

*These are some topics we discussed during the last couple of weeks that I felt would be discussed at tonight’s meeting. I understand that this email does not count as a vote, but I would like the townspeople, Council, and Town Manager to know where I stand on these budgetary items.*

*Sincerely,*

*Peter Albert, Councilor”*

#### General Government

Councilor Boyd questioned wage increases for non-union personnel, and was informed that would be discussed at the Council’s February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilor Healey questioned costs related to dental insurance, worker’s compensation, etc.; specifically if the amounts listed are actual or based on estimates received, and why the level of increase differs from department to department. Town Manager Cabanel stated the Town has received a guaranteed maximum rate (GMR) of 10.1% for health insurance. Actuals don’t typically differ much

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from the GMR. Except for one group, the health insurance and therefore the rates are the same throughout. What differs from department to department are the plans, e.g., single, two-person or family.

***The bottom line allocation for General Government was identified as \$1,881,769.***

#### Assessing

***The bottom line allocation for the Assessing Department was identified as \$332,359.***

#### Fire Department

Councilor Healey spoke of the request for three additional Lieutenants. She questioned if the allocation was included in the budget and was informed it was not.

Vice Chairman Koenig noted the recommended (approved) changes to the budget included a reduction of \$5,000 to Line Item 01-03-8321-0 Maintenance-Buildings & Grounds; Plowing of Station 1, Station 2 and Station 3. The placeholder had been identified as \$9,000. During the departmental review, it was indicated the actual would be \$2,000. Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Micali stated an updated estimated was provided by the contractor. The reduction to the placeholder of \$5,000 is appropriate. The proposed allocation for the line item is \$4,000.

Councilor Healey questioned the amount of the remaining funds allocated to 01-03-8459-0 Physical Exams, and was informed it is \$16,500.

***The bottom line allocation for the Fire Department was identified as \$6,586,247.***

#### Police Department

Vice Chairman Koenig noted the printed paperwork identified \$35,300 for 01-04-8332-0 Maintenance-Vehicles; however, it was supposed to be \$38,300. He questioned if the bottom line number adjusted for that \$3,000. It had not, and will be adjusted.

Councilor Healey questioned 01-05-8506 Communications Equipment; \$1,000 is listed; however, the summary sheet listed it as zero. The item (chairs-replacement) was moved and is identified under operating equipment.

***The bottom line allocation for the Police Department was identified as \$6,400,278.***

#### Communications

***The bottom line allocation for the Communications Department was identified as \$927,585.***

#### Code Enforcement

***The bottom line allocation for the Code Enforcement Department was identified as \$383,260.***

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### Public Works

*The bottom line allocation for the Department of Public Works was identified as \$401,317.*

### Highway

**MOTION made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Koenig to increase the allocation to Line Item #01-08-8505-0 Infrastructure/Paving; by an additional One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to achieve a total allocation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**

### ON THE QUESTION

Councilor Boyd referred to the discussion that took place during the departmental review noting the Director indicated while we are doing an okay job keeping up with the roads, we could be doing better. Councilor Boyd remarked, in order to do a better job we need to increase the level of funding. Funding that at \$1 million shows a sincere effort.

Councilor Thornton spoke of receiving comments from constituents relative to which roads are paved; some done when not really needed while others are in dire need. He believes the main roadways to be the ones that should be focused on, and an additional \$150,000 to be too great an amount.

Councilor Healey stated agreement. She questioned where the funds would come from to avoid increasing the tax rate, and was informed cuts would have to be made elsewhere.

Chairman Rothhaus commented it is a bitter pill; however, until recent years, this area was not funded adequately. That came at a cost. The Director indicated we are falling behind in this area. He stated his support of the motion. Although additional funding could be delayed at this time, there will come a time, a few years down the road, when a much larger cost will have to be incurred. He spoke of the desire to continue to fund appropriately and plan for future funding needs as opposed to the alternative of bonding for roadwork.

Vice Chairman Koenig stated his support of the motion. He noted staff looks at the best and most efficient way to maintain roads. To let a road go south, even if a minor/sub-division road, rather than maintaining with an overcoat, etc., would cost more in the long run. He understands the PWD is carefully looking at the roads; condition, how they can make the maintenance of them as efficient as possible, and have plans that outline the best way to approach that. It may not look correct to us on an instantaneous basis, but if you look at it over a 5-10-year period (what they have been doing for the past 5-10 years), they are managing to get to the roads.

Noted was other work that occurs such as the sewer work done on Pearson Road where, had they been paved, the roads would have been torn up to address the other issues.

Councilor Harrington commented on discussion in prior years around increased funding during times when oil prices were low, etc. to get more bang for the buck. She questioned, and was informed an additional \$50,000 could be achieved through the Media Department. The budget would show an increase in revenue of \$50,000, which would offset at least \$50,000 of the proposed \$150,000

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additional increase to the Highway Department's budget. Councilor Harrington stated her support of that approach.

Councilor Thornton stated he would support the overall increase of \$100,000 in the coming FY (bringing the total allocation for FY20 to \$900,000).

**MOTION CARRIED 4-1-1**

*Councilor Thornton voted in opposition*

*Councilor Healey Abstained*

***The bottom line allocation for the Highway Department was identified as \$5,551,902***

**Solid Waste**

***The bottom line allocation for the Solid Waste Department was identified as \$1,867,951.***

**Parks and Recreation**

Chairman Rothhaus reminded the Council of the request for an increase in 01-13-8372-0 Fourth of July. The request is for an additional \$10,000.

Town Manager Cabanel suggested the amount, in comparison to the overall budget, is minor, and could be achieved.

**MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Healey to increase Line Item 01-13-8372-0 Fourth of July, by Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)**

**ON THE QUESTION**

Councilor Harrington remarked they have held the line for several years, and it is not an unreasonable request considering all they do.

Vice Chairman Koenig stated he would agree with that except doubling the amount they are getting this year seemed extreme to him. He is more inclined to go with \$5,000.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-1-0**

*Councilor Koenig voted in opposition*

Chairman Rothhaus asked for clarification, and was informed the \$8,000 allocated to 01-13-8505-0 Infrastructure; Wasserman Park - MYA Cabin, is intended to cover the cost of demolition.

Councilor Boyd restated his desire to inquire as to whether the Fire Department could utilize the opportunity as a training exercise. Town Manager Cabanel spoke of the potential issues of asbestos, concrete block/stone, vicinity to trees, etc. Once the area is cleaned, if necessary, the Fire Department could then come in and do a controlled burn. That would be an exercise by itself, not an opportunity for cost savings.

***The bottom line allocation for the Parks and Recreation Department was identified as \$567,928.***



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#### Library

*The bottom line allocation for the Library was identified as \$1,309,594.*

#### Equipment Maintenance

*The bottom line allocation for Equipment Maintenance was identified as \$459,527.*

#### Buildings & Grounds

*The bottom line allocation for the Building & Grounds Department was identified as \$326,462.*

#### Community Development

*The bottom line allocation for the Community Development Department was identified as \$508,773.*

#### Tax Collector

*The bottom line allocation for the Tax Collector Department was identified as \$556,136.*

#### Welfare

Councilor Healey spoke of the organizations and associated allocations listed under 01-25-8399-0 Social & Health Services.

State RSA and the Town's Charter denotes this activity, but it does not say within the law that you must give donations to different charities. A review of the list shows local as well as national organizations/programs. The larger groups have the infrastructure in place to seek out grant opportunities, donations, etc. The Greater Nashua Mental Health Center receives its operating capital from insurance and clients' fees, grants, contracts and public support (Medicaid pays 90% and private insurers 5%). Harbor Homes has approx. 40 foundations and trusts that are providing donations to support them. The HIV/AIDS Taskforce is part of Harbor Homes. The only other is Home Health & Hospice of Merrimack. They also bill insurance, Medicare and Medicaid for their funding although they do take indigent cases, and do not look for reimbursement for those cases. All on the list are non-profit organizations that can receive donations, have grant writers, etc. That is how they operate.

During departmental reviews, the Director commented on the increased number of individuals facing difficulty paying their rent/making ends meet, which is one of the reasons the Council has worked to keep the budget flat for the coming year.

Councilor Healey suggested the \$76,000 be used to increase the department's operating budget. Another option would be to support the two charities that are based in Merrimack. There are people in Merrimack having trouble paying their bills on a monthly basis. She cannot justify giving \$76,000 to organizations that have professional fundraisers when our own people don't have the opportunity to get more money for their bills as well.

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Town Manager Cabanel spoke of programs some of the other organizations offer such as a homeless shelter. Merrimack sends people to Nashua because it has no homeless shelter. Were that not an option, the Town would be placing those individuals in hotels. The same is true of the soup kitchens, meals to elderly, etc. Examples were provided of the services that have assisted Merrimack residents; Home & Health Hospice Care; serviced 430 this year, Saint John Neumann; 76 families went to the food pantry, Lamprey Area Health Care; 101 people, Bridges rape and assault services; 721.

Patricia Murphy, Administrator, stated the services provided by Bridges include shelter, council for rape incidences, and education. When looking at the numbers you need to remember it encompasses those three types of services.

Councilor Healey noted when looking at the charities and those that do list where their major donations are coming from, it is Amherst, Hollis, and Merrimack. Although she understands Merrimack residents are being served, she questioned how many could have been provided stipends or grants to go out and get groceries, and been able to avoid going to the soup kitchen had our Welfare department retained those funds.

Ms. Murphy commented originally this part of the budget, which is not a mandatory requirement, was included under the Community Development Department's budget. There were maybe 5 agencies that requested budgets. Over the years, the Town provided organizations such as Home Health & Hospice about \$65,000 in assistance. Over time she has adjusted things according to what she believes balances the services provided. The reason the services came under the Welfare Department is because she refers people to them. The idea is we are providing the donation to these services so they will exist for our residents. She provided the example of the shelters noting the importance of her being able to have shelters to refer to. Merrimack usually refers to Nashua.

Welfare guidelines are very specific in terms of what the department can assist with. In some cases she cannot assist with some of these services that are provided in other agencies, e.g., Home Health & Hospice; the Town does not pay for a nurse to go out and do care for an indigent person who needs that kind of care. It is not in our guidelines to be able to do that.

Ms. Murphy stated were all the funds simply allocated to the Welfare Department, she could not expend them.

Councilor Harrington commented, to a certain extent, this is a philosophical discussion. She stated her opinion Merrimack is a very lucky community in many ways, but that doesn't mean there aren't residents who need assistance. These are donations to organizations that provide services to the Merrimack community.

Ms. Murphy noted, with proposals, one of the things she requests is an explanation of how the funds will be used. She looks to ensure they are running a deficit in something. As indicated, Medicare and Medicaid don't pay the full amount for a service. The idea is that these services are not turning people away.

***The bottom line allocation for the Welfare Department was identified as \$160,732.***

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#### Wastewater

Councilor Healey questioned if there is an error on 31-10-8311-0 Chemicals; requested was \$99,250 and proposed allocation is \$109,424, and was informed the requested amount should be identified as \$109,424.

*The bottom line allocation for the Wastewater Department was identified as \$4,477,367.*

#### Media

*The bottom line allocation for the Media Department was identified as \$342,592.*

#### Fire Protection

*The bottom line allocation for Fire Protection was identified as \$88,384.*

#### Department 20 Self-Supporting Fund

Amount identified as Fire Department outside detail is \$10,026 and Police Department outside detail \$419,699. Those allocations are offset 100% by revenue.

*The bottom line allocation was identified as \$429,725.*

#### Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

*The bottom line allocation was identified as \$270,309.*

#### Revenue

**MOTION made by Councilor Thornton and seconded by Councilor Boyd to increase Account Number 10171200-3189, Transfer from Cable Fund, by Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)**

#### ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Rothhaus questioned the total account balance. Town Manager Cabanel stated it began at \$800,000 and was reduced by \$250,000 for the current fiscal year. The net income from this year is added (would be negative), and the remaining balance will be approx. \$650,000.

#### **MOTION CARRIED 5-1-0**

*Councilor Koenig voted in opposition*

Town Manager Cabanel noted use of fund balance is also a revenue. This is something the Council has done through action already taken. Account 10179210-9999, Surplus should list a total of approx. \$566,588.

Vice Chairman Rothhaus questioned if the Council wished to increase use of fund balance to offset some of the costs associated with paving.

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Town Manager Cabanel commented on a currently unresolved matter that could positively impact the fund balance, and suggested the Council may want to revisit the discussion of increasing the amount of fund balance to be used to offset the tax rate at a future date. The final review of revenues does not occur until sometime in September when the tax rate is set. As of June 30, 2018, the fund balance was \$7.5 million, which represents 8%.

Vice Chairman Koenig spoke of the approach that has been taken in recent years, and suggested the Council consider utilizing another \$100,000 this year.

The idea is to utilize surplus funds to ease the tax burden. However, there will come a time when that additional surplus is not available. The result will be a spike in the tax rate. By increasing the amount of surplus used in increments, the level of spike can be minimized.

**MOTION made by Councilor Koenig and seconded by Councilor Boyd to increase account number 10179210-9999 by One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)**

#### **ON THE QUESTION**

Chairman Rothhaus stated his support of the motion noting concern with the level of funding coming from surplus, understanding there will come a time when the funding source is no longer available, and a spike in the tax rate will result.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0**

Town Manager Cabanel remarked she is comfortable with the amount of surplus that would be utilized.

*There being no objection, the Council took a five-minute recess at 8:07 p.m.  
The Council reconvened at 8:12 p.m.*

Town Manager Cabanel stated the total of the proposed budget to be \$32,780,643.

**MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Thornton to move the Town Operating Budget in the amount of Thirty-Two Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$32,780,643) to Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0**

**MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Boyd to move the amount of Thirteen Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,100,000) for the Wastewater Treatment Bond Phase III Upgrade to a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019.**

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0**

**MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Thornton to move the amount of One Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000) for Capital Reserve Fund deposits to a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019. The deposits are as follows: Ambulance \$80,000, Communications Equipment \$125,000, Computer Equipment \$35,000, Daniel Webster Highway \$50,000, Fire Equipment \$250,000, Highway Equipment \$400,000, Library Building Maintenance Fund \$75,000, Property Revaluation \$15,000, Solid Waste**

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Disposal \$125,000, Traffic Signal Pre-emption \$5,000, Property Insurance Deductible Trust Fund \$10,000, GIS \$20,000, Road Infrastructure CRF \$450,000, and Milfoil \$10,000. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-0

**MOTION** made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to move the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for Wastewater Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund deposit to a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-0

**MOTION** made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Thornton to move a withdrawal from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$47,000) to a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019 for fire apparatus computer replacement \$15,000, fire suppression hose \$17,000, and large diameter supply hose \$15,000. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-0

**MOTION** made by Councilor Boyd and seconded by Councilor Healey to move to add the Town Council as agents to expend for the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-0

The tax rate is \$5.05, which represents a decrease from last year of \$0.05. This is not including any of the union contracts.

### **Adjourn**

**MOTION** made by Councilor Thornton and seconded by Councilor Boyd to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** 7-0-0

*The January 23, 2019 meeting of the Town Council was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.*

Submitted by Dawn MacMillan