

**TOWN OF DIXFIELD
BUDGET MEETING 2016-2017 MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016
LUDDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Present: Chair Daley, Gene Skibitsky, Dana Whittemore, Norman Mitchell, TM Puiia.
Selectman Malcolm Gill was absent. Finance Committee: Scott Dennett, Eric Theriault,
Sharon Gilsleider, Aaron Perrault, Denise Newman.

Librarian, Peggy Malley, WVAC tv

1. Chair Daley opened the meeting at 5:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Agenda Adjustments: Mike Mills of Rumford was present to ask the Board for a donation to the River Valley July 4th Celebration, Fireworks and Entertainment. The request was for \$1300 but he said that any donation would be appreciated. Mexico is also being approached for a donation. There may or may not be a carnival this year, but all activities will be in the vicinity of Hosmer Field. Rumford has given them \$9500. They are asking for money for this year and for an amount to be put in the budget now being put together. The amount was based roughly 50 cents per capita.
 1. Dept. #1 Executive: With Vickie Carrier retiring and a current part time person moving to full-time, that person does not need health insurance. \$44,777 could be \$35,277 changing the bottom line to \$304,782. A part time person would be hired for the third position and would not receive health insurance.

The Selectmen are due to \$100 per month and the chair receives \$125 which totals \$6300. State law says that Selectmen must be compensated; last year was \$10 month. The town website is due for an upgrade which would cost \$1500. On line payments were discussed which is convenient for customers but not necessarily for the office. Taking credit and debit cards in the office is good for the citizens also, and the fees are charged to the citizen, not the town. Building repairs needed include the brick back wall of the building, the tile floor in the bathroom, an office update to get some used computers, insulation on side of building and tiles in the Post Office lobby.

There is some revenue stream from water and sewer for taking payments in the office. Office personnel receive a few dollars a month.

Electronic counting for all voting is proposed for this year. Proposed budget for this year is \$304,782. Last year was \$302,113. Mr. Whittemore moved the amount of \$302,113 and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0 with Mr. Gill absent.

1. Dept. #5 Library: The wages are listed under the payroll section of the budget. Mileage is now 54cents/mile. The cleaning contract was discussed. The sprinkler system needs to be drained and the fluid replaced. The contract has listed a charge for tax which the town does not pay which

would take \$100 from the bottom line. Mr. Daley asked to see invoices which show what was paid for computer repairs. Mr. Skibitsky moved that \$149,570 be raised for the library budget. Mr. Whittemore seconded and the vote was unanimous for all present.

2. Dept. #11 Insurances: The current budget's bill for insurances was \$33,929. There are some changes in the new budget, one being 4 instead of 5 police officers liability. Mr. Whittemore moved that \$34,946 be raised and Mr. Mitchell seconded. All present were in favor.
3. Dept. #12 Social Services: Western Maine Transportation is not on the list because they are requesting the funding directly from Oxford County. There is a new request for the Peru and Common Rd. food pantries. Mr. Whittemore moved the amount of \$14,032 and it was seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. All present were in favor.
4. Dept. #13 Regional: Since these are assessments, Mr. Whittemore moved \$166,898 and Mr. Mitchell seconded. All present were in favor.
5. Dept. #14 Miscellaneous: It was suggested that this item was the appropriate place to add the \$1300 request for the River Valley Fireworks bringing the total to \$5075. Mr. Skibitsky made that motion and Mr. Whittemore seconded. All present were in favor.
6. Next meeting Mon. March 21 at 5:30 at Ludden Library.
7. Adjournment: Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to adjourn at 7:27PM, Mr. Whittemore seconded and all present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine H. Clarke (secretary)