



Lamoine Budget Committee

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Minutes – November 20, 2023

Chair Tiffany McMullen called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Present were: Budget Committee members Greg Hiltz, Jeff Cosulich, Tiffany McMullen, Mark Harris and Merle Bragdon; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon

Minutes – October 23, 2023 – Merle moved to approve as presented. Mark 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Code Enforcement/Planning Budget – Stu said the budget is up \$1,100 with increases in salary and mileage. There were no questions.

Roads Budget – Stu noted the proposed paving cost is down sharply, and the regular maintenance budget is up minimally. There were discussion about mowing, the current amount spent on road maintenance, and the proposed discontinuance of MacQuinn Road as a through road.

Debt Service/Capital Budget – Stu explained each item in the budget, noting the loan payments are due on the new fire truck (which has yet to arrive) and the land purchase. He said adding to a revaluation fund is also included.

Waste Disposal – Stu explained the Select Board will write two articles. One will decide if recycling will continue to be funded since the cost is so high, and the other is for the rest of the waste disposal budget. There was a discussion about the cost to transport recycling, and the household hazardous waste program.

Revenues – There were brief discussions about investment interest, excise taxes, local road assistance and use of the Code Enforcement Fund.

Other – Stu reported the Select Board will likely schedule a special town meeting on December 21st at the town hall to consider a proposal from the Recreation Committee to purchase an ice rink and to utilize funds from the Hodgkins Trust to remove the boat ramp at Lamoine Beach.

Next Meetings – The Committee will meet next on December 11, 2023. On the agenda will be Parks & Recreation, Fire & Public Safety, and Social Service Requests. If the board is ready, recommendations will be ready to approve. If needed, the committee will meet on December 18, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Secretary