Meeting Minutes: February 18th, 2016.
Meeting Called to order at 7 pm.

Members Present: Wendy Thorne, Denise Benton, Gil Harris & Steve McLean.
Members Absent: Steve Grigg, Kim Oliver and Stephanie Bishop.
Treasurer present, Laura May.
Also, present numerous citizens.

Quorum established.

1. Meeting Minutes: December 17th, 2015 and January 28th as well as February 4th, 2016, meeting minutes approved.

2. New Business:
   a. The committee listened to a presentation by the Town Auditor.
   b. Committee Report was turned in for the Budget Committee.
   c. Fire Department Chief Michael McLean asked to present Fire Truck estimates to the Budget Committee. He handed out 3 proposals-2 man cab truck $200,000+, 4 person cab $300,000+ and a 6 person cab at 440,000+. The truck is not needed at this time-perhaps next year.

3. Budget Committee Meeting Schedule: It was decided that the committee would meet as required.

4. Adjourned at 7:50 PM.
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
7/21/2016
Highlights

Members Present: Steve McLean, Gil Harris, Denise Benton, Stephanie Bishop, Wendy Thorne
Members Absent: Steve Griggs
Selectmen Present: Joanne Andrews, Sonny Lepage, John Medici
Fire Chief: Michael McLean
Also, present numerous citizens
Quorum was established meeting opened at 7:04 P.M.

Accepted meeting minutes of February 18, 2016
• Motioned by Gil Harris
• Seconded by Wendy Thorne
• Motion passes
• Meeting called to discuss Special Town Meeting July 25th, 2016 to purchase a new fire truck, ambulance from the rescue billing account and to transfer $7,500.00 from the Capital Project Reserve account to the Brick Town Hall Renovations Account.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS:

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend $344,433 from the Rescue Billing account for the purchase of 4-Door International E-One Pumper including the Junkyard Dog X-tend Strut System.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend $219,054.00 from the Rescue Billing account for the purchase of a 2017 Ford F550 Super Duty 4x4 custom built Life Line "Superliner" Type 1-AD, Class/Emergency Medical Vehicle including the Power-Pro XT Stretcher.

Motion made by Gil Harris to accept the two articles with a $5,000.00 reduction
• Seconded by Steve McLean
• Motion passes

For detailed discussion regarding these two articles see Budget Committee taping of July 21, 2016.

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Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer $7,500.00 from the Capital Project Reserve Account to the Brick Town Hall Renovations Account, established at March 2016 Annual Town Meeting to match the grant awarded from the Narraganset Foundation to pay for restorations at the Brick Town Hall.

Motion made by Steve McLean to accept the Article as written.
• Seconded by Gil Harris
• Motion passes.

For detailed discussion regarding this article see Budget Committee taping of July 21, 2016

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New Business:

- Discussion regarding appointment of a town employees to the Budget Committee. Please review tape of July 21, 2016 for more detail.
- E-mail from Steve McLean regarding the legality of calling a meeting at this time. Please review tape for more detailed discussion.
- Election of Officers:
  - Motion made by Wendy Thorne to nominate Denise Benton as Chair of the Budget Committee. Seconded by Stephanie Bishop. Motion passes
  - Motion made by Wendy Thorne to nominate Gil Harris as Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee. Seconded by Denise Benton. Motion passes.
  - Motion made by Denise Benton to nominate Wendy Thorne as secretary. Seconded by Gil Harris. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25
Submitted by: Wendy Richardson Thorne
Budget Committee
Thursday, Dec. 1st, 2016

Meeting Highlights

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Members present: Gil Harris, Steve Grigg and Denise Benton. Absent: Wendy Thorne, Stephanie Bishop and Steve McLean. Quorum was not necessary due to the fact that the meeting was for 2017 Budget Presentations only. Selectmen present were Sonny LePage, Joanne Andrews and John Medici. In attendance was Dottie Richards.

3. Listened to the following Department Budget Presentations for 2017.
   a. Library presentation by Cindy Smith.
   b. Transfer Budget presentation by Joanne Andrews.
   c. Discussed the Saco River Corridor Commission request for funding.
   d. Discussed health insurance for town employees.
   e. Discussed COLA of 3%.
   f. Need to look back at minutes from last year regarding raises.
   g. Discussed the vacant BC seat.

4. Next meeting: Thursday, Dec. 15th, 2016 at 7 pm.

5. Adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Drafted by Denise Benton.
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2016
Highlights

Members Present: Steve McLean, Gil Harris, Denise Benton, Wendy Thorne
Members Absent: Steve Griggs, Stephanie Bishop
Selectmen Present: Joanne Andrews, Sonny Lepage
Department Heads:
   Ron Phinney, CEO,
   Laura May, Treasurer,
   Judy Lepage, Tax Collector/Town Clerk,
   Bob Richardson, Road Commissioner
   Mike McLean, Fire Chief

Meeting opened at 7:02 P.M. Quorum members present at opening, Denise Benton, Gill Harris, Wendy Thorne. Steve McLean arrived a few minutes late. No voting on Budgets only presentations.

CEO: Increase in Budget over last year $6,737.00. The office is now open 5 days a week. The reason for the increase is that Ron and Mike are both on the payroll until Mike receives all his certifications to take over the position of CEO.

Treasurer: Increase in budget is due to 4.01% increase in payroll. Did not receive pay increase last year as some other departments did. The increase reflects 1.01% for 2016 and 3% request for 2017. No other changes to budget compared to last year.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk: Increase in Budget is due to increase in payroll. Did not receive pay increase last year as some other departments did. The increase in both departments reflects $0.50 per hour and a 3% cola for both the Tax Collector and Town Clerk Departments.

Road Commissioner: No change in budget over 2016. School Street is number one project for 2017. Bob stated that Quarry Road will still be maintained by F.R. Carroll, Inc. There has been a request for guard rails on Cobb Hill Road. No payroll increase requested.

Fire Department: Budget up slightly from last year due to minor increases in various line items. No stipend increases requested.

Rescue: Budget request will be down compared to last year due to a math error in producing the warrant for 2016 possible FICA taxes were added within the payroll total then added as a separate line item. Currently volunteers are not compensated for their calls. A proposed budget request for these volunteers is $20,000.00 for 2017.

Health Insurance was discussed for full time employees the Selectmen are currently looking into solutions.

Budget Committee Ordinance: Discussion changing the ordinance from 7 to 5 members also revisiting employees being allowed to be on the committee. More in depth discussion at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Submitted By:

Wendy Richardson Thorne
Members Present: Gil Harris, Denise Benton, Steve Griggs, Wendy Thorne
Members Absent: Steve Griggs, Stephanie Bishop, Steve McClean
Selectmen Present: Joanne Andrews, Sonny Lepage, John Medici
Several Citizens

Meeting opened at 7:04 P.M. Quorum members present at opening, Denise Benton, Gill Harris, Wendy Thorne. Steve Griggs arrived a few minutes late.

Presentation by:
Matthew Tassey

Health Reimbursement Account:
The 21st Century Cures Act a law that allows eligible small employers to offer qualified health reimbursements (HRS).

What they are:
Qualified small employers may be used to reimburse for qualified medical expenses including individual health insurance premiums.
The 21st Century Act exempts qualified small employer HRAS from the ACA's market reforms by establishing that such arrangements are not considered group health plans.

Who can fund them?
An employer is eligible to fund a qualified small employer plan for the current calendar year if:
The employer has fewer than 50 employee, including full-time equivalent employees, on average during the prior colander year as determined in accordance with the employer shared plan responsibility provisions (pay or Play) and the employer does not offer a group health plan to any of its employees.

How must they be structured?
To qualify for a small employer HRA the arrangement generally must:
• Be funded solely by an eligible employer without salary reduction contributions;
• Provide after an eligible employee provides proof of coverage of, payment or reimbursement of qualified medical expenses (which generally include individual health insurance premiums incurred by the employee or his or her family members);
• Limit annual payments and reimbursements to $4,950.00 per employee or $10,000.00 per family (which are prorated where coverage is for less than an entire year); and
• Be provided on the same terms to all eligible employees.

When can it be used?
Qualified small employers HRAs may be used in the years beginning after December 31, 2016

Requirements:
An employer funding for small employer HRA for any year must provide written notice to each eligible employee.

- A statement regarding maximum dollar amount of payments and reimbursements that may be made for the year.
- A statement that the employee should provide information regarding his or her permitted benefit to any Health Insurance Marketplace to which an employee applies for advance payment of the premium tax credit.
- A statement that for any month in which the employee does not have minimum essential coverage he or she may be subject to an individual shared responsibility payment and reimbursements under the HRA may includible in his gross income.

Administrator:

Group Dynamics:

- Selectmen will need to contact to set up plan.
- Administrative cost $500.00 per year and $48.00 per employee per year.

Acceptance by Budget Committee:

Motion made by Wendy to fund $3,000.00 per employee for a HRA family plan beginning April 1st to December 31st 2017.
Seconded by Gil

All in favor

Selectmen stated that assessing and the mowing contract will be going up.

Budget Committee Ordinance

Discussion concerning the number of member on the committee may or should be changed from 7 to 5. Also, discussed employees being on the committee. It was decided to move this discussion to the next meeting.

Adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Submitted by:

Wendy Richardson Thorne
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2017
Highlights

Members Present: Steve McLean, Gil Harris, Denise Benton, Wendy Thorne
Members Absent: Steve Griggs, Stephanie Bishop
Selectmen Present: Joanne Andrews, Sonny Lepage

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Quorum Established

New Business

Warrant Articles presented by Selectmen:

The following articles were discussed and voted on by the Budget Committee:

- American Red Cross $ 500.00
- York County Child Abuse $ 500.00
- York County Shelters $ 500.00
- Maine Behavioral Healthcare $ 500.00
- York County Community Action $ 500.00
- Visiting Nurses $ 500.00
- St. Matthews Food Pantry $ 1,000.00
- Saco River Corridor $ 300.00
- Lake Arrowhead Conservation $ 3,000.00
- Sokokis Lake $ 3,000.00
- Southern Maine Area on Aging $ 500.00

Motion made by Steve M to accept the article as written
Seconded by Gil H
All in favor

Article: To see if the town will vote to appropriate all money received from the snowmobile registrations from the State of Maine for the Limerick Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining trail open for use by the public.

Motion made by Wendy T to accept article written
Seconded by Gil H
All in favor

Housekeeping articles

Article M was questioned regarding the length granted to the selectmen regarding contracts. John M questioned whether this could for three years. Wendy stated that you will need to check Maine Statutes regarding contracts.

Article Revenues:

Motion by Wendy T to accept article as written for the amount of $700,384.00
Seconded by Gil
All in favor
Article To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend up to $25,000.00 for an addition to the Universal waste and building at the transfer station from t Capital Project Reserve Account.

Gil H made motion to accept the article as written
Seconded by Wendy T
All in favor

Next article Wendy T stated that she could not go forward without knowing what the potential impact would be. All agreed and wanted time to review before voting.

Health Insurance Article

John M requested that Budget Committee vote on this article due to fact that two of the selectmen have interest in this article.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to $30,000.00 to include administrative costs for 9 full time employees for a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).

Gil H made a motion to accept
Seconded by Wendy T
All in favor.

Other New Business

Wendy T submitted to the Selectmen a Fire Department Ordinance for their review and to be placed as Warrant article
John stated that he would to have an informational meeting for the public.

The Selectmen will review and decide at their next meeting on January 30, 2017.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding the Budget Ordinance changes:
• Change in number of members
• Add verbiage regarding absenteeism
• Town employees to be able to be on the committee
• Changes will be discussed in more detail and voted at next meeting.

Adjournment 8:05

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2017
Highlights

Members Present: Gil Harris, Denise Benton, Wendy Thorne
Members Absent: Steve Griggs, Steve McClean
Selectmen Present: Joanne Andrews, Sonny Lepage, John Medici
Several Citizens

Meeting opened at 7:04 P.M.

Quorum: No quorum only 3 out of 7 members present

New Business:

Cemetery Committee Budget presented for 2017 has a couple of projects planned for the season in addition to the normal cleaning and maintenance.

For 2017 they are asking for a special article. If funding is provided they intend to hire a Ground Penetrating Specialist to come and help confirm plots and placement of those plots.

EMA Budget

Resignation:

Stephanie Bishop resigned her position as a Budget Committee Member due to work constraints.

Warrant Articles:
Reviewed remaining articles and the grand total of the budget. The committee could not make a recommendation due lack of quorum to vote. Will meet again on February 13th to make final Recommendation.

Budget Committee Ordinance changes:

Will be available at the next meeting.