

**Town of Auburn
Budget Committee
January 8, 2015**

Members Present: Peter Miles, Bertrand Ouellette, David Wesche, Paula Marzloff, Alan Villeneuve, James Headd, Daniel Carpenter and Mary Beth Lufkin

Others Present: Town Administrator William Herman, Finance Director Adele Frisella, Road Agent Michael Dross, Fire Chief Bruce Phillips, School Board Representative & Alternate School Board Rep. for Budget Committee Keith Leclair, and Secretary Amy Casparius

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Personnel Administration

William Herman and Adele Frisella Presented this budget

4155-2-290-0 Longevity Pay

Requesting \$9,850, level funded from 2014. Year to date expended \$9,250

This line item provides longevity pay for 30 employees who have served the Town of Auburn for over five (5) years. This is part of the Personnel Policy and Collective Bargaining Agreement and has been around for over seven (7) years.

Mary Beth Lufkin moved to approve Longevity Pay at \$9,850, seconded by David Wesche. A vote was taken; all were in favor, the motion carried

4155-2-290-1 Merit Increase

Requesting \$1,000, level funded from 2014. Year to date expended \$0

Paula Marzloff moved to approve Merit Increase at \$1,000, seconded by Daniel Carpenter. A vote was taken; all were in favor, the motion carried.

Improvements Other Than Buildings

Road Agent Mike Dross presented this line item.

4909-9-930-0 Road Reconstruction

Requesting \$800,000, level funded from 2014. Year to date expended \$616,918.39

William Herman stated that the balance of the 2014 budget has been encumbered by the Board of Selectmen to be used for the repair of the Griffin Mill Bridge. Originally the Board thought they needed to supply the entire sum for the Griffin Mill Bridge project. There are now state funds available from the gas tax, however, the project needs to be pushed to 2016 in order to get the state funds.

Paula Marzloff moved to approve Road Reconstruction at \$800,000, seconded by Daniel Carpenter. A vote was taken; all were in favor, the motion carried.

Warrant Article - Forestry Vehicle Replacement

The Budget Committee received the following warrant article recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-two thousand, two-hundred and ninety-three dollars (\$42,293) to purchase and equip a new replacement forestry truck for the Auburn Fire Department. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)
(Recommended/ Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)

The vehicle would be a Ford F350 Super Duty which would be equipped in-house. This vehicle is used to tow the Boat, rescue trailer, and help get into driveways in wintertime for ambulances. This vehicle will replace the 1985 Chevy Pickup.

Paula Marzloff moved the Budget Committee recommend the Warrant Article to fund Forestry Vehicle Replacement, seconded by David Wesche. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried.

School District Budget Presentations & Warrant Articles

Alan Villeneuve and Keith Leclair presented these line items

Regular Education Programs

5610-1-01-06 Foreign Language Supplies

Requesting \$1,012.05, an increase of \$788.73 from 2014.

5641-1-01-06 Foreign Language Textbooks

Requesting \$1,781.33, an increase of \$1,562.77 from 2014.

The increase will supply materials and textbooks for the implementation of a Spanish Program. The current French teacher is being certified to teach Spanish so there will be no additional staffing.

Mary Beth Lufkin moved to approve the budgeted items as proposed and discussed, seconded by Paula Marzloff. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried.

1105-5563-3-01-00 Public Academy Tuition

Requesting \$2,839,831.40, an increase of 229,074.65 from 2014.

1200-5563-3-01-61 Public Academy Tuition

Requesting \$1,079,707.56, an increase of \$160,706.56 from 2014

These line items represent actual numbers from Pinkerton Academy for the 2015/2016 school year.

Mary Beth Lufkin moved to approve the budgeted items as proposed and discussed, seconded by Bertrand Ouellette. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried.

2600-5434-1-01-00 Building Improvements

Requesting \$170,000, an increase of \$102,200 from 2014.

About eighteen months ago The Turner Group was hired to prioritize a list of building improvements. The Turner Group submitted a list of short term / middle / and long range items. The School Board is ready to start attacking some of that short term list. Mary Beth Lufkin asked that between The Turner Groups list and what Home Land Security suggested does the School Board feel they have the priorities correct and are not just tackling the easiest and least expensive items. Keith Leclair stated that he feels the School Board is looking at the correct items from both sources.

A general discussion ensued among The Committee about building improvements.

Mary Beth Lufkin moved to approve Building Improvements at \$170,000, seconded by David Wesche. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried.

Special Programs 1200

Alan Villeneuve requested that the Committee raise the Special Education Programs function code by \$103,000

The School Board was recently notified that a new student was enrolling in the district.

Alan Villeneuve moved to increase the special programs code by \$103,000, seconded by Mary Beth Lufkin. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried

Peter Miles asked Mr. Villeneuve if there were going to be any Warrant Articles from the School Board. Mr. Villeneuve stated there will be three Warrant Articles which are not available this evening.

-Special Education trust fund

-Building Fund

-Withdrawing from the SAU

Mr. Miles stated that the Committee will meet at 6:30 PM Thursday January 15, 2015 in order to review the warrant articles.

Other Business

Daniel Carpenter brought to the Committee's attention the summary report of the past 10 years for the Town and School District budgets which Mr. Herman and Mrs. Frisella complied. A general discussion ensued regarding the workings of the budget.

Adjourn

Paula Marzloff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Seconded by James Headd. A vote was taken; all were in agreement, the motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.