

# TOWN OF WILTON

April 14, 2025

## SELECTBOARD/FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Members Present: Gwen Doak, Kyle Fletcher, Christian Waller, Randy Hall, David Leavitt, Tiffany Maiuri, Mike Wells, Keith Swett, Phil Hilton, Katharine Johnston, Maria Greeley (Town Manager).

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### Item #1 Pledge of Allegiance

### Item #2 Follow up on department budget presentations

Tiffany states one of the items for review was the TIF policy and what expenditures could come out of the TIF. Tiffany read it states within district ½ million dollars for building properties, \$75,000 for professional costs, \$20,000 for administration including prorated municipal staff salaries, organizational costs \$20,000, within outside district public safety equipment and this footnote includes emergency vehicles and rescue fire safety equipment with 50% proration for out of district costs \$300,000, one million dollars for environment control measures, \$75,000 for portage to future downtown designation district, \$25,000 for municipality permanent revolving loan fund, \$60,000 for economic development, \$50,000 for grant matching, and \$75,000 for recreational trails. Tiffany asked how much the current TIF is.

Maria stated currently \$159,370 to be appropriated is in the budget.

Mike asked if there were any requirements to dispose of sludge that does not contain PFAS. \$130,000 a year is being paid by the water/sewer department to get rid of sludge that doesn't contain PFAS.

Randy stated that he was not aware of it, no.

### 3. Vote on final department budgets

Motion by Gwen/ Second by Christian - to recommend using \$250,000 for capital paving, \$61,150 for reevaluation and \$85,850 for townwide capital expenses out of the undesignated fund.

Vote: 3-2 (Kyle Fletcher and Richard Lumb Absent)

Maria stated with the \$400,000 there is the extra \$50,000 which is for contingency.

Mike asked what the maximum amount that could be in the undesignated fund was.

David clarified the current policy is 90 days.

Maria states she is very confident we are above that amount. She recommends being responsible about how much is being pulled for future years.

Even after designating the \$400,000 there still would be 120 days' worth of operating.

Motion by David/ Second by Phil- to follow the Finance Committee's recommendations on undesignated fund balance use.

Vote: 4-1 Passes

### General Government

Gwen stated the recommended amount was \$9,000.

Motion by Gwen/Second by Christian- recommended amount of \$9,000 for select board.

Vote: 3-2(Richard Lumb and Kyle Fletcher Absent)

Motion by David/Second by Keith- Move the \$9,000.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Gwen/Second by Kyle - total general government for \$856,815.

Vote: 4-1(Richard Lumb absent)

Motion by David/Second by Keith - to move general government budget of \$856,815.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

### **Public Safety**

Motion by Kyle/Second by Gwen - to approve public safety at \$1,488,757.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by David/Second by Phil- to move public safety for \$1,488,757.

Keith asked if this is the account that has three capital accounts for one building instead of one?

Maria states correct.

Keith states he believes it should be a single account.

Mike states there is a 37% increase in capital.

Maria states the \$55,000 for the vehicle would be paid by the TIF account. The \$55,000 would be appropriated instead of raised.

Mike states he would rather use that money for capital paving.

Randy said the cost of the apparatus keeps going up so the \$25,000 is not going to cover the cost of the increase from one year to the next.

Vote: 3-2 Passes

### **Public Works**

Motion by Kyle/Second by - to approve Public Works at \$1,616,571.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by David/Second by Keith- move public works at \$1,616,571.

Mike states paving has seen a huge increase, proposed an increase of 10% to the capital paving line.

John states one year it was \$79,000 a ton and this year it is \$135,000 a ton.

Mike stated \$250,000 has already been put in, with the 10% we would be putting away another \$71,450 in paving and reconstruction.

Motion by Mike/Second by Phil - to amend the capital paving and reconstruction overall capital paving budget. Adding \$71,450 to the total capital paving budget to be used for paving and reconstruction.

Maria states its capital, so that number will stay the same and it will be discussed during the capital line.

Second withdrawn by Phil.

Motion withdrawn by Mike.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Keith stated his negative vote against Public Safety was because of a capital issue, not the actual budget number.

Motion by Keith/Second by David- to reconsider Public Safety.

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Keith -to reconsider the amount of \$1,488,757.

Vote: 4-1 Passes

### **Recreation and Social Services**

Gwen states it includes the library, parks and facilities, rec program, health officer, animal control, and general assistance.

Motion by Randy /Second by Kyle- to approve the \$399,245.

Vote: 4-1(Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by David/Second by Phil - to move recreation services at \$399,245.

Mike stated all the town employees' salaries are listed; the libraries should be as well.

Maria stated the Town of Wilton is not on the paystubs for the library employees, so they are not employees of the town.

David states the library falls under the same category as other social services; the library just gets the most money. They are the biggest social service.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

### **Community Services**

Maria states the total for outside organizations is \$10,676. The total is \$40,041.

Tiffany states all the people that dispersed the funding for the LIHEAP fund were cut by the federal government. Community services were \$43,041.

Motion by Kyle/Second by Gwen- to move the total other community services at \$43,041.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by David- to exclude the new requests for a community service total of \$36,524.

Mike asked if those were the ones that were just added.

Maria states they have requested, they just didn't put a dollar amount.

Keith states he would just rather spend the money locally.

Tiffany states Safe Voices is asking \$25,000 from the county. We typically do not ask people to double dip. It could be made contingent upon.

Tiffany states for clarity, the \$36,524 would not include Community Concepts, Care and Share Food Closet, the Children's Center, the Lake Steward of Maine, Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, and Sweetser.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Tiffany asked for a motion to reconsider Safe Voices.

Keith states it is how it has always been done, if they get it from the town, they can't get it from the county and vice versa.

### **Townwide**

Maria states she would like a motion for the contingency account. It is the \$50,000 in the appropriation tab for the wastewater debt payment. There is also a debt service for the East Dixfield fire truck which is being appropriated from the TIF fund.

Motion by Kyle/ Second Christian - \$88,369 to be appropriated from the TIF.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Kyle /Second by Christian- to move the \$50,000 for the contingency.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Mike/Second by David- to account \$88,369 from the TIF for wastewater debt service interest and principal.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by David/Second by Keith- to move \$50,000 from the undesignated fund for the contingency.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

### **Capital**

### **Public works**

Motion by Kyle/Second by Christian - \$228,000 for public works capital.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by David- \$228,000 for public works capital.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Kyle/Second by Gwen- to move the \$714,500 for discussion.

Maria stated if \$71,000 is added, the account will probably be decreased next year.

Vote: 3-1-1(Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Mike/Second by David - to expend 785,950 for capital paving which entails a \$71,450 increase in the paving and reconstruction line to be taken from undesignated funds.

Mike states it's 10% on the entire paving budget.

Maria states three months of expenses total 1.4 million.

David states two or three years ago it was increased.

Mike states from our discussions on the Highway Committee, they are falling behind.

Vote: 1-4 Fails

Motion by David/Second by Keith - to move \$714,500.

Vote: 4-1 Passes

### **Cemeteries**

Motion by Gwen/Second by Kyle- to move the \$8,000 for the cemetery capital account.

Gwen states we had \$41,000 in cemetery trust last year.

Maria stated using a three-year average with a 5% payout, \$43,000 is the amount we could up to. Interest return since the trust was created is \$23,513.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Mike - \$8,000 for cemeteries from the capital account.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

### **Town Infrastructure**

Motion by Gwen/Second by Kyle -\$25,000 for town infrastructure.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany- \$25,000 on infrastructure.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Gwen/Second by Randy- \$64,150 for Reval

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by David -\$64,150 for Revaluation

Vote: 5-1 Unanimous.

Motion by Kyle/Second by Christian -\$17,000 for pension reserve accounts.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by David- \$17,000 for pension reserve accounts

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Kyle/Second by Christian - \$5,000 for capital improvement

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany- \$5,000 for the Town Office Building capital improvement.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Kyle/Second by Randy- \$90,000 for Public Safety Fire.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Tiffany/Second by David - \$90,000 for Public Safety Fire.

Vote: 4-1 Passes

Motion by Kyle/ Second by Christian - \$67,500 for Public Safety.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by David/Second by Phil- \$67,500 for Public Safety.

Vote: 3-2 Passes

Motion by Kyle/Second by Christian- \$23,500 for capital Public Safety Building.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Seconded by Mike- for \$23,500 for the Public Safety Building.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Kyle/ Second by- \$10,000 Public Safety other, Wilson Lake Dam capital account.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil- \$10,000 for the Wilson Lake Dam capital account.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Kyle/Second by Christian- \$23,500 for Recreation.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany- \$23,500 for Recreation

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

### **Revenue**

Motion by Kyle/Second by Gwen- to approve the \$2,323,650 total revenue.

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Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Keith- \$2,323,650 total revenue.

Mike stated if the State general fund referendum passes, we do not get the \$850,000 until November.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

### **Appropriations**

Motion by Kyle/Second by Randy- \$256,000 for MEPERS, Recreation fund, and Cemeteries.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by Tiffany/Second by- \$256,000 for MEPERS, Recreation, and Cemetery funds.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Gwen/Second by Christian- \$171,060 for the TIF fund.

Vote: 4-1 (Richard Lumb Absent)

Motion by David/Second by Tiffany- \$171,060 for the TIF fund.

Vote:5-0 Unanimous.

### **4. Other**

Maria states there is an on-premises liquor license from Calzolaio's that was received April 7, 2025. Their license has expired, the state has been contacted, and an extension can be issues.

Maria stated she believed she did not have the authority to do so. She requested a motion to extend the liquor license for one day.

Motion by Mike/Second by David – to extend Calzolaio's liquor license by one day.

Vote:5-0 Unanimous

### **5. Adjourn**

Motion by David/Second by Tiffany- to adjourn.