



MINUTES

Town of Woodstock

Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 5:30 pm

**Woodstock Town Office Building, 165 Lost River Road, North
Woodstock, NH 03262**

In-Person Attendance

Charyl Reardon; Emily Clark; Judy L. Welch; Kara Sellingham; Roberta Vigneault; Stephen Tower

Remote Attendance

Scott Rice

Not in Attendance

Chad Morris

• Call to Order

In Attendance:

Public: Patrick Griffin

Meeting called to order by Roberta
At 5:30

• Approve Minutes

• October 29, 2019

No Discussion

Move: Kara Sellingham Second: Stephen Tower Status:
Passed

• Revised Budget Schedule

• Removed December 11th for Woodstock Winterfest

Removed 12/11/19 for Winterfest
No Discussion

Move: Charyl Reardon Second: Kara Sellingham Status: Passed

- Review the following budgets:

- 4130 - Executive

Presented by Judy Welch

General Government

Only changes are:

There are 53 weeks this year and the 3% payroll increase.

2019: \$132,246.00

2020: \$137,409.72

- 4140 - Town Clerk

Presented by Judy Welch

Added expenses due to an increase in elections. There was one election in 2019; there are 4 elections in 2020.

Discussion: When are 2020 elections?

February ??

March 10th

September 8th

November 3rd

2019: \$32,038.00

2020: \$33,000.00

- 4150 - Financial Administration

Presented by Judy Welch

Down due to computer upgrades.

All other cost are the same.

2019: \$154,177.00

2020: \$133,464.00

- 4150 - Tax Collector

Presented by Judy Welch

Added cost of \$200 increase for the purchase of new binders.

Discussion -

Why is the 3% payroll increase not reflected.

She is an elected official and therefore requests her own salary increases.

2019: \$22,700.00

2020: \$22,900.00

- 4153 - Legal

Presented by Judy Welch

Budget is the same as last year.

2019: \$36,500.00

2020: \$36,500.00

- 4194 - Town Buildings

Presented by Judy Welch

Only change is an additional \$5000.

The fire department presented the Selectmen with a list of repairs that they would like to see made at the upper and lower firehouses in May of 2019. The Selectmen have increased the town building budget to try and pick away at a few of these items.

A furnace was replaced at the lower firehouse this year and a hot water heater was replaced in the town office building.

Rest is the same.

2019: \$91,493.00

2020: \$96,391.00

- 4196 - Insurance

Presented by Judy Welch

Our overall town evaluation is up which can account for the increase.

Added property taken by tax deed and a police cruiser hit a deer.

2019: \$35,707.00

2020: \$38,206.00

- 4199 - Contingency

Presented by Judy Welch

Costs remain the same.

2019: \$57,000.00

2020: \$57,000.00

- 4197 - Advertising Regional

No cost change.

2019: \$750.00

2020: \$750.00

- 4316 - Street Lights

Presented by Judy Welch

Costs remain the same.

Discussion:

The Board questioned who owned the poles and street lights.

The Electric company owns the poles and makes the repairs. The Town receives a utility bill for the usage.

Why are there no street lights at the off ramp of Exit 32; both north and south?

Who do we ask? Scott Rice will look into this.

2019: \$23,000.00

2020: \$23,000.00

- 4611 - Conservation

Presented by Judy Welch
Costs remain the same.

Discussion:

Currently there is no active Conservation commission.
Discussion was had as to the responsibilities of the
Conservation Commission.

2019: \$1,696.00

2020: \$1,696.00

- 4651 - Economic Development

Presented by Judy Welch
Costs remain the same.

2019: \$2,000.00

2020: \$2,000.00

- Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 13th

Judy Welch will not be here
Scott Rice will present budgets.

- Planning, Library, Building Inspector

- Adjournment

Other discussion:

Judy Welch -

Our tax rate overall dropped 4 cents;

The town portion dropped 8 cents;

The local education portion dropped 3 cents;

The state education portion dropped 7 cents;

The county portion when up 14 cents.

So overall decrease was only 4 cents.

Adjourned at 5:48pm

Move: Charyl Reardon Second: Stephen Tower Status: Passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Clark, Budget Committee Secretary

Roberta Vigneault Date 11/13/19
Roberta Vigneault, Chairperson