

TOWN OF WALDEN BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2021

Committee Members Present:

John Barry, Sarah McKenzie, Jonathon Cook, Michael Leary.

Also Attending for Consultation:

Fern Lockhart

Meeting called to Order 9:31 am.

Discussion of committee purpose and function.

Sarah McKenzie advised of expenditure requests that may be received from the land use committee. None have been received as yet. Committee suggested that those requests for expenditure of Town Funds be shared with the Budget Committee for comment when received. Amongst the items being considered were additions of sidewalks and pedestrian cross walks.

Mike Leary observed that no money has been budgeted for paving in FY 2021-2022. He suggests we need to anticipate such an expense for FY 22-23. John Barry observed that many of the centerline roadway reflectors have been damaged, lost, or worn out. Consideration should be given to adding additional reflectors. This year's budget does have a \$2300 appropriation for centerline reflectors this year. Consider investigating how far that money would go in replacing missing or broken centerline road reflectors, and recommendations on future cost.

Sources of potential revenue generating matters were discussed. Those discussed were: implementing a garbage collection fee(current cost to town is aprox. \$170,000 per year), town issued vehicle registration bumper stickers, and increasing local option sales tax(Fern Lockhart advises we are at the limit of our local option sales tax rate, so this is not now a viable source), and the possibility of imposing a development fee for new subdivisions.

Committee discussed that the Town purchasing policy for smaller expenditure items(under \$10,000) is somewhat cumbersome. Fern Lockhart is to provide the Committee with copy of Town Purchasing requirements under current city code for study as to any reasonable recommendations on revision and simplification.

Committee asked if it could be furnished monthly balance sheets. Fern Lockhart says that can be done, and she will furnish them.

The next quarterly budget committee meeting was set for Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 9:30 am at Town Hall.

A sign in sheet of those in attendance was circulated, and that sheet is attached to these minutes.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:05am July 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



John Barry, Chairman

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