

November 9, 2022

Budget and Finance Minutes

Present: Nancy Woolley, Pat Harvey, Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Greg White, Norm Christiansen, Tom Paquette, Frank Severy(absent), Doon Hinderyckx (absent), Robert Meagher (absent), Barb Dehart (absent) Lois Bond (absent)

Nancy called the meeting at 3:00 pm

Nancy moved to approve the minutes. Pat seconded with the understanding the school generator would be serviced right away. All in favor. So, approved.

Nancy created a timeline for the completion of items to do leading up to Town Meeting, meeting statutory requirements. Kristen and Julie will review. The timeline will be finalized at the next meeting.

Recreation Budget:

Norm spoke on behalf of the Rec Committee. Their budget was level funded. Income is based on fees, bottle returns, registrations, and donations.

Will need to review the article at town meeting discussing extra funds to go to the reserve account that happened around 2014.

Committee would like to have an article at Town Meeting for the Skatespace Reserve account. They will have to petition for the funds raised for the GoFund me. Committee is raising funds to put towards grant for skatespace. They have raised nearly \$10,000. The committee will build a thermometer to show the current raised funds towards the goal.

Norm has asked for an increase in salaries of \$200.

Fourth of July expenses were broken down to Porta potty rental \$300, trophies \$50, and dinners for the musicians \$140

Committee will work with Julie and Nancy to have the article question written for Town Meeting.

Cemetery Budget:

Tom explained any increases to the budget were to cover maintenance with mowing of the cemeteries, especially with the increase to fuel costs.

The facilities will need improvements sooner than later, such as the roads, fountains, surveys of the cemeteries in West Hill and Bingo. Tom is working with the Forest Service to establish boundary lines.

Talk about increasing the fees for perpetual care was discussed, including lot sales. The cemetery currently sells about 3 to 4 lots per year.

Next Meeting is November 16, 2022. Office Budget and Lister will attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith