

**Town of Littleton Budget Committee Meeting  
December 14, 2023 - Littleton Community Center  
Meeting Minutes**

**Littleton Budget Committee:** Art Bisenti, Diane Cummings, John Goodrich, Steve Kelley, Mary Menzies, John Piette, Dan Stearns

**Town Officials:** Lori Bolasevich (Finance Director), Doug Damko (Public Works Director), Roger Emerson (SB), Carrie Gendreau (SB), Linda MacNeil (SB)

**Public:** Rudy Gelsi

Committee Chair Diane Cummings called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- Minutes of the 12/07/23 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as amended (DS); seconded (JG); passed 7/0.

**Welfare Department:** Briefly discussed the operating budget of the Town's Welfare Department. Welfare costs have increased sharply over the last couple of years.

**Community Center:** Briefly discussed history of Town's support for the Littleton Community Center and its current operating situation. The Community Center will be presenting a proposed Warrant Article to the Budget Committee at the 12/21/23 meeting.

**Debt Service:** Reviewed the Debt Service and borrowing schedule.

**Parks and Recreation:**

- Questioned why an additional zero-turn mower is scheduled to be purchased, when the department already has one.
- It was suggested that the Parks and Recreation Department's budget (or at least the non-program portions of the budget) be moved from a Revolving Fund to the General Fund because if the voters do not approve the Revolving Fund appropriation, then the entire department would cease to exist.

**Warrant Articles:** Proceeded to review the Warrant Articles which have a tax impact and record the Budget Committee's recommendation on each.

**A note regarding the vote on Article 9 (the General Fund Operating Budget).** The Budget Committee was required to take an immediate vote on Article 9 even though there was a consensus among the BC that the current proposed tax rate was at an unacceptable level and needed further reduction. After a vote on the Operating Budget, (2/5), Diane requested Lori to ask the larger town departments to have the department managers take another look at their budgets and make reductions to reduce the amount raised by taxes. Lori indicated she would relay the request to the Town Manager.

Article #	Moved	Seconded	Vote
6	DS	DC	0/7
7	DS	JG	7/0
8	MM	JP	7/0
9	DS	JG	2/5
10	Tabled	--	--
11	JG	MM	4/3
12	DS	MM	7/0
13	DS	MM	7/0
14	DS	MM	6/1
15	DS	MM	7/0
16	DS	MM	7/0
17	DS	MM	7/0
18	DS	MM	6/1
19	DS	MM	7/0
20	DS	MM	7/0
21	DS	MM	1/6

Article #	Moved	Seconded	Vote
22	DS	MM	3/4
23	No tax impact	--	--
24	DS	MM	5/2
25	DS	MM	4/3
26	DS	MM	7/0
27	DS	MM	1/6
28	DS	MM	7/0
29	DS	MM	6/0/1
30	DS	MM	7/0
31	DS	MM	7/0
32	DS	MM	7/0
33	DS	MM	7/0
34	DS	MM	7/0
35	DS	MM	6/1

Warrant Article votes to be continued at the next meeting.

**Parking Lot Items:**

- Discussion at the 10/19/23 meeting of petitioned warrant articles and whether to ask for presentations from the organizations and to vote on each or to abstain. The budget committee is required to vote on any warrant article with a tax impact. This still needs to be decided.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

The 12/21/23 meeting will be at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn (JP); second (DS); passed 7/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Menzies*

Recording Secretary