

Town of Amherst, NH

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

2 Main Street

Monday, September 14th, 2020

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

- Lisa Eastland
- Danielle Pray
- Matt Seiler
- Scott Tuthill
- Bill Loscocco
- James Kuhnert
- Lori Mix (Alternate)
- Cheryl Eastman (Finance Director)

ABSENT

- Mike Parisi
- Sarah Bonnoit (Alternate)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- No previous minutes to approve, as this is the first W&M meeting
- Minutes, as taken, will be formally approved and/or amended at the next meeting, with acceptance/amendments so noted in subsequent minutes.

AGENDA

Item #1

- Members reviewed their history with the Ways and Means committee, with 6 members returning and 3 new members

Item #2

- No citizen comments (none in attendance)

Item #3

- Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) moved to a later meeting
- Danielle (CIP Representative) sent CIP Tax Impact Forecast document to all members for review

Item #4

- Members disclosed any potential conflicts of interest or outside involvement that may conflict with Department assignments
 - Bill : family member working at the library
 - Lisa : Joint Facilities Advisory Committee
 - Lisa : Member of Recreation Commission
 - Lisa : Member of Cemetery Trustees
- Members agreed that Lisa's involvement with the Recreation Commission provided further insight that she could use during the Department meetings
- Veteran members explained the purpose of the Department meetings to new members
- Members chose their Department assignments based on availability and interest

Item #5

- Members discussed the Strategic Plans of Tax and Assessing, Police Department, and Fire Rescue presented during the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1

- Department assignments will be posted on the town website, an action not taken last year

Item #2

- Cheryl Eastman encouraged members to share observations and ask questions, stating that the Ways and Means members provide valuable insights that improve the budget processes

NEXT STEPS

- Lisa and Matt will compare Department assignment notes
- Matt will send Cheryl department assignments once finalized

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned shortly after 9 PM

NEXT MEETING

September 28th, after the BOS Meeting