

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2023**

PRESENT: Pike, Bailey, Ganz, Smith

Called to order 1605

Pike presiding, given resignation of Wigley.

Previous minutes' approval:

3/28: Bailey moved to approve; Smith second; vote unanimous approval

4/04: Ganz moved to approve; Bailey second; vote unanimous approval

I. Third Party Requests

A. Peavey Library: Ms. Chevalier reports re restoration/remodeling efforts: interior work is complete (plaster, re-painting front lobby); doors now operational; brick work ongoing (attachment).

- a. Pike asks: did income match expenses: no**
- b. Chevalier: monies from previous negotiations often increase a significant percentage based on previous costs.**
- c. Bailey: motion to approve increase; Ganz second. Vote unanimous approval**

B. Eastport Senior Center: present are Ms. Devonshire and Mr. Crane (attachment)

- a. Request for increased contribution by City from 12K to 15K**
- b. Letter reviewed, but financial information not available.**
- c. Ms. Devonshire provided itemization of activities and services**
- d. Ms. Ganz inquires how much the Sr Center has spent over last year's allocation of 12K**
- e. Request by committee for more financial information from Sr Center representatives prior to decision to increase allocation**

II. Economic Development (attachment)

- a. Review of agreement between Chamber of Commerce and City re maintenance of public bathrooms (staffed by Rosie's employees)**
 - 1. Question raised re accountability vis a vis the use of these funds**
 - 2. Tabled**
- b. Review of request by Joan Lowden for payment of advertisement**
 - 1. Motion to deny made by Ms. Ganz, seconded by Mr. Bailey**
 - 2. Unanimous vote to deny**

III. County Tax: non-negotiable increase to 17K, per Ms. Devonshire

IV. City Debt

- a. Updated inventory of current City machinery provided by Ms. Devonshire (attachment)**
- b. Copier: lease will increase in price due to upgraded machine**

c. Status of current vehicle request by Mr. Johnson tabled pending further information

- V. Reserves
- VI. Current pending requests for more information: Police Department, Cemetery Committee, Public works
- VII. Appointment of Chairperson
 - A. Ms. Ganz motioned Mr. Pike to be chairperson, seconded by Dr. Smith, unanimous vote in favor
- VIII. Next meeting 5/2/22
- IX. School Committee 5/9/22?
- X. Adjournment
 - A. Motioned by Ms. Ganz, seconded by Dr. Smith, unanimous vote in favor