

Patriotic Purpose Committee
September 7, 2023
Location: Fire Department
Attendance: Jay Wilson, Zoe and Mike Fimbel, Meg Baker

Begin 9:30 am work session meeting

Jay introduced the draft 2024 budget work pages to discuss. The 2023 budget was used as a reference. Two major actions were considered as the 2024 budget developed: the rising costs of goods, which is out of our control, and the granite post and rail fencing for the War Memorial lot. Goods include replacement flags and halyards, Memorial Day flowers for Veteran gravesides at Green Lawn Cemetery and at the War Memorial, replacement flags for Veteran gravesides at Green Lawn, Eversource electrical services at the War Memorial, Veterans Day activity, boxwood and garden care at the War Memorial as examples. The fencing project is a multi-year purchase and install action. The first step would be the purchase of the granite posts as budget resources provide.

Jay motioned to spend from category line 458300, up to \$2600.00 for granite posts. Zoe seconded. Discussion: the final number of posts needed is 22. Unspent 2023 monies from other budget items would be redirected to the purchase of additional posts to eventually reach the goal of 22 posts, no later than the close of 2024 or 2025. Vote: all in favor.

The boxwood row requires leaf protection from the winter weather. Wilt Stop was applied in 2022. All agreed to continue this preventative action. The 2022 cost was \$9.99 per bottle. Two bottles were purchased. Jay motioned to spend from category line 458320, up to \$50.00 to purchase Wilt Stop. Zoe seconded. Meg offered to purchase, with the understanding that she would be reimbursed. Vote: all in favor.

Post vote action, Meg offered to research if any mulch would be required for additional boxwood plant protection.

Jay offered to send out draft two of the 2024 budget to be reviewed and to plan another work session.

Post cards for Veterans Day activity invite from Vista Print have been purchased. The cost was \$38.73 Meg requested to be reimbursed, citing reference to the 2023 budget allocation of \$250.00 for Veterans Day. Jay motioned to reimburse this cost from line 458320. Zoe seconded. Vote: all in favor

100 post card stamps will need to be purchased. The cost of post cards has increased to 0.51 cents per. Meg asked for permission to purchase and to be reimbursed for 100 post card stamps. Jay motioned to reimburse this cost from line 458320. Zoe seconded. Vote: all in favor.

Meg introduced two items that had been brought to her attention.

1. A local resident shared that America will celebrate in 2026 the 250th anniversary of its founding. The resident thought that the Patriotic Purposes Committee could take the lead to organize a community celebration. Interest was shown in this suggestion. A

brief discussion resulted in a revisit of this action in 2024 to start planning with the goal of a 2026 community celebration.

2. The Library Director shared information with Meg regarding the New Hampshire Veterans' Resources Directory and a contact. Interest was shown in this suggestion. Meg offered to explore the potential of a meeting with the contact to learn more about the serves. Jay and Zoe offered potential dates in October.

Reminder: flags are scheduled to be posted on September 11. Jay requested that we meet at 8 am that morning. All were in agreement.

Session concluded at 11 am. Zoe motioned to adjourn. Jay seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Baker