



TOWN OF BOW

Budget Committee

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Bow Budget Committee Minutes - Town Budget Approved Minutes January 13, 2022

Mark Zerba, Chair	P	Kathy Garfield	P
Jennifer Strong-Rain, Vice Chair (School Board Rep.)	P	Jeffrey Knight	P
Ben Kiniry, Secretary	P	Robert Blanchette	P
Andrew Mattiace	P	Bruce Marshall (Selectman Rep.)	P
Michael Wayne (Selectman Alt.)	P	Martin Osterloh (School Board Alt.)	A
Town Manager David Stack	A	Finance Director Geoff Ruggles	P

* P = Present; A = Absent

I. Call to Order

Chairman Zerba called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. Approval Minutes

a. January 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Kathy Garfield moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Andrew Mattiace. The motion carried unanimously.

b. January 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Andrew Mattiace moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Bob Blanchette. The motion carried unanimously.

c. January 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Andrew Mattiace moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Bob Blanchette. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Hearing Date

Chairman Zerba announced that the Public Hearing on the Town and School budgets would be on February 8, 2022 at 6:00p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The snow date is February 9, 2022.

IV. Turf Field Presentation

Bryce Larrabee, President of the Bow Athletic Club and School Board Chairman, and Jared Bland, Vice President of the Bow Athletic Club, gave a presentation on the installation of an Artificial Turf field where the current Middle School track and field is located. Basic cost for the field is \$2.5 million with demolition of the current field donated by Audley Construction. Cost for an optional short field is \$500,000 for a project total of \$3 million. Benefits of the field include increased outdoor classroom

usage and lengthened sports usage days and season. Several area groups and private donors have committed at least \$65,000 to the project along with over \$465,000 from grants, capital reserve funds, and excess revenues. The remainder of about \$2 million would be bonded. Approximately \$142,000 of the bond payment could be offset by increase sports activity and surcharge fees along with the Dunbarton Area Agreement CIF Fund.

V. Town Budget

Jeff Knight expressed his concern that the road paving budget had been reduced and the town would continue to fall behind on maintaining the roads. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to increase the Road Improvements account by \$65,000 to \$540,000 and to increase Motor Vehicle Registrations revenue by \$50,000, Building Permit revenue by \$10,000, and Impact Fees revenue by \$5,000 to offset the costs.

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Kathy Garfield moved to adjourn, seconded by Ben Kiniry. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Ruggles