Members: Chairman Robert Hardy, Vice Chairman William Lawrence, Marina Sumner, Michelle Hall and Ex-Officio from the selectmen Peter Fogg
Members Present: Chairman Bob Hardy, Vice-Chairman Bill Lawrence, Marina Sumner, Michelle Hall.
Others Present: Alternate Ex-Officio & Secretary Katherine Dawson
Visitors:

Call to Order 6:10PM
Bob reported to the Commissioners about his appearance at the budget committee at the 1-4-2017 meeting. Bob went through the budget line by line explaining why each item was funded including a lengthy explanation on the landscaping budget. Some of the budget members felt the landscaping should be done by the Public Works Department even though it was explained to them that the new Director felt they were not able to add that into their work load this year. That perhaps 2018 would be the year to assimilate that into their work load. Discussed what to do with the revenue earned at the Christmas event to offset event costs such as purchasing the stuffed animals, paying the parade float prices and other associated costs. The Budget Committee asked that any revenues be reported with the budget. Tim Pearson offered to provide that information. The Budget Committee also suggested to go out to bid for the fireworks.

The December expenditure report was reviewed. The expenses were reviewed to determine why the budget was under spent to avoid over budgeting for 2017. Bob will review and compare the expense report to the budget in preparation for town meeting.

One bill was presented for payment from Hardy’s greenhouse in the amount of $218.34. Marina made a motion to pay, Michelle second. The majority were in favor with Bob abstaining. The deposit from the town of Northfield for the use of the park for the fireworks was received.

The Christmas event parade was discussed to see if any changes should be made. Will bring up again.

Wildlife Encounters events for 2017 were scheduled for June 3rd and September 16th. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 22 with a rain date on the 23rd. Other ideas for events in the park were discussed, the Commissioners will investigate possibilities for next month.

Bob will prepare the bid package and send it out for review and Katherine will send out the list on landscapers for review.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm