

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
George B. White Building
8 Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037
February 13, 2018
MINUTES**

Call to Order:

6:30 pm – Chair called the meeting to order

Roll Call: Alden Dill, Chair, Members, David Carbone, John Dubiansky, Phil Bilodeau, Andrea Hotaling, Zach Langlois, School Board Representative.

Absent: Troi Hopkins, Kevin Verville, James Spillane and Andrew Robertson.

Excused absence: Ben Miner

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Chairman Dill asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Outstanding Minutes:

Outstanding minutes were as follows:

October 24, 2017

January 9, 2018

January 16, 2018

January 25, 2018

Motion: Chairman Dill moves to approve the minutes of October 24, 2017, January 9, 2018, January 16, 2018 and January 25, 2018 as amended.

Second: Mr. Dubiansky

Discussion: Ms. Hotaling read a number of items that needed to be corrected in the minutes

Vote: Yea 6, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Comments regarding Town and School Deliberative Sessions:

Ms. Hotaling brought up that the number that was provided at the school deliberative session was incorrect. Mr. Langlois stated that the number read was not the bottom line.

Chairman Dill asked Mr. Harrington if the MBC could correct a number on the warrant to which Mr. Harrington replied that yes it could. Chairman Dill stated that there have been times in the past that a warrant article ended up nothing like it had been originally voted on and therefore the MBC could change their vote on it.

Ms. Hotaling stated that she did have a question for Mr. Harrington to weigh in on which is since the Selectmen have met since the deliberative session and indicated that there would be additional changes to the default town budget, did he have the amended number available.

Mr. Harrington stated that there was an amended warrant posted next to the original warrant for anyone to see. The number is \$3,910,923.38 for the new default budget for the town and that will appear on the warrant.

Ms. Hotaling also wanted to report back on the school budget regarding FICA. She stated that she got an answer back from Amber and that according to Amber, there is approximately \$400,000.00 of wages for employee contribution towards health insurance and would not be subject to FICA.

Ms. Hotaling went on to state that she was originally going to propose to change the FICA line but instead decided to leave it as it but made all MBC members aware that the FICA line does not indicate a number that is accurate.

Chairman Dill stated that he thought that as a whole, the information received from the school board was more complete and was going to thank the School Board in public but was then unable to attend the deliberative session for the school budget.

Mr. Langlois commented that he thought that the MBC had a little animosity regarding the fact that the School Board didn't turn over its budget until it was complete. Although it delayed the process by about a week, he felt that the net result was better because once the budget was presented, it wasn't the School Board's budget but the MBC's budget.

Mr. Langlois also stated that at the next School Board meeting they are going to go over the budget process and it will be his recommendation that they do as they did this year which is to send a complete budget to the MBC.

Ms. Hotaling stated that she thought the reason that she felt a little anxious about the budget process was the fact that there were two meetings that the MBC didn't hold and so the time from getting to approving the budget was tighter.

Ms. Hotaling brought up one last item which was the 97 cents of the tax rate which is the county portion. She asked who did that budget to which it was answered that the county provides that number to the town. There are county commissioners voted by each town to oversee the budget for the county. This money goes towards such things as the county jail, nursing home, dispatch center and sheriff's department.

New Business:

Chairman Dill stated that he thought that they had all the positions that were going to be coming up to be filled in 2018, covered and thanked all that signed up to run.

Chairman Dill also stated that he didn't think that the MBC needed another meeting until April and notice of it will be sent out. He thanked the MBC members and thought that overall things ran smoothly.

Adjourn:

Motion: Mr. Langlois

Second: Mr. Dubiansky

Discussion: None

Vote: Yea 6, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting: TBA

The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary

The minutes were approved at the October 30, 2018 MBC meeting