

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
George B. White Building
8 Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037
January 8, 2019
MINUTES

Call to Order:

8:34 pm – Chair called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Chairwoman Hotaling asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Andrea Hotaling, Chair, Members Phil Bilodeau, Zach Langlois, School Board Representative, Bonnie Beaubien, Herman Pretorius, John Dubiansky, David Carbone, Alden Dill and Andrew Robertson, Select Board Representative.

Excused Absence: Jo Anne Bradbury

Review of Outstanding Minutes:

She asked S. Gemelli to forward the minutes of December 18th, 2018, but they didn't get out until today and not everyone had a chance to read them so they will table those until a later date.

Old Business:

A. Robertson stated that he would like the MBC to consider Warrant Article 3 and Warrant Article 8 but after the information received, he would be willing to go back to the selectmen and see what the cost would be for an outright purchase of a fire command vehicle and also have them look at the interest rate that was presented with the lease.

J. Spillane stated that before they moved off of the minutes that he wanted to make sure that they were posted on the website as draft minutes as to not get in trouble with the RSA to which it was answered that they had been.

A. Robertson stated that at the meeting on Saturday, he had stated that they removed \$28,000.00 because it had been encumbered but at the following selectmen's meeting after review, they have decided not to encumber the money.

He continued that there are two ways to proceed, either have the MBC put the money back into the three lines or the select board could ask to put it back at the deliberative session.

J. Dubiansky stated that since they just presented the budget to the voters that he would be more comfortable with trying to add it at the deliberative session.

A. Robertson stated that he is completely comfortable with doing it that way.

A. Dill asked if they had time to review the fire command vehicle item and come back to the MBC for another vote as he thought that it was not something that they should have a lease for three years on.

J. Spillane stated that he thought that they had a period of time. They would have a meeting after the deliberative session. The warrant would go to the deliberative session without a recommendation from the MBC and afterwards they would have to add theirs directly after the deliberative session.

Motion: Z. Langlois moves Article 3 which is to establish a Police Department Building Expendable Trust Fund of up to \$50,000.00

Second: A. Robertson

Discussion: A. Robertson stated that he would hope to have exact numbers before the deliberative session and they would be changed at deliberative session if they are available.

Vote: Yea 10, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

The MBC recommends Article 3 – 10-0-0

Chairwoman Hotaling asked if the select board has made a revenue budget for next year to which he answered that they have not.

1 J. Harrington stated that he has presented the proposed revenue sheet from the finance department since the DRA form was not available
2 at this time.
3

4 Chairwoman Hotaling stated that the MS-737 is not complete as they didn't discuss the revenue projects. Z. Langlois stated that the school
5 revenue project sheet is complete as there were no changes from the public hearing.
6

7 Chairwoman Hotaling reviewed the handout presented by the town.
8

9 Discussion of revenue projection was done among members. The number for interest and penalties seemed to be high and should be
10 adjusted.
11

12 Chairwoman Hotaling asked if people were comfortable with signing the MS-737 but she thought that they should discuss what was
13 presented.
14

15 **Motion:** Z. Langlois moves the revenue projections as presented which was \$1,684,600.00

16 **Second:** H. Pretorius

17 **Discussion:**

18 **Vote: Yea 10, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**
19

20 Chairwoman Hotaling asked if there were any old business/new business/any business to bring up.
21

22 H. Pretorius stated that he didn't know if he was right or wrong but he didn't think that it is appropriate for any board member to explain
23 their personal beliefs or opinions, especially at a public hearing, about warrant articles. It should be the responsibility of the chair person to
24 present the opinion of the budget committee as a whole and as voted.
25

26 Chairwoman Hotaling stated that she will take that under advisement. She stated that she was not going to run for the MBC again and that
27 she will make those opinions from the audience in the future.
28

29 J. Dubiansky added that he kind of disagreed because he thought that she delineated when she was speaking her own opinion.
30 He understood what he was saying but disagreed.
31

32 J. Spillane stated that he agreed with J. Dubiansky and wanted to make the point that because they have been elected by the people, some
33 aspect of personal belief systems comes into play and part of the whole process.
34

35 H. Pretorius stated that he completely agreed but that he didn't think it was appropriate at a public hearing. The opinion of the budget
36 committee as a whole, needs to be conveyed.
37

38 J. Spillane stated that he would agree but it is now the regular MBC meeting to which H. Pretorius stated that during the public hearing,
39 what the chairwoman did was inappropriate.
40

41 **Citizen's Comments:**
42

43 **K. Verville – McCarron Road** – stated that he would be proposing an increase to the highway department budget of \$100,000.00 and hopes
44 that the MBC will support this. He stated that any of the returning members of the MBC at one time or another supported this.
45

46 The other item is that the public hearing is simply to take input from the public and not to take material from the board other than the
47 briefest of facts.
48

49 **Adjourn:**
50

51 **Motion:** Z. Langlois moves to adjourn

52 **Second:** A. Dill

53 **Discussion:**

54 **Vote: Yea 10, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**
55

56 **Next Meeting: TBD**
57

58 *The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary*
59 *Pending approval by the Municipal Budget Committee*
60
61