Budget Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 20, 2013

Present: Ann Howe, Steve Londrigan, Matt Murphy, Jorge Mesa-Tejada, Proctor Wentworth

Visitors, Chris Howe, Pricilla Lindquist, Penny Williams

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Murphy at 7:00pm. Mr. Londrigan led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

New Business

Mr. Mesa-Tejada updated the committee on the school's proposed projects for the coming year. For the Central school they are considering replacing the temporary class rooms with six permanent class rooms as well as adding insulation and heating. The Middle school is considering renovating the library and adding an additional entrance. Mr. Mesa-Tejada stressed that both projects were still under consideration and that additional meetings will be held to establish pricing and the warrant article.

A request was sent to the budget committee meeting from the Selectman's Secretary Tina Harrington to update the contact information of the committee members. The list was updated and will be sent back to Ms. Harrington to update the town web site.

Ms. Howe had indicated she will come up with some proposals to improve on budget transparency as well as some examples of things that can be clarified.

There were no public comments.

Discussion moved on to the September meeting and the process over how the various town organizations are to present their budgets. Mr. Mesa-Tejada expressed concern that the town organizations don't present to the board in a public forum in September. Mr. Murphy indicated that the public presentations actually take place in the October meeting the liaisons giving a preliminary report at the September meeting.

In review of the previous minutes Mr. Mesa-Tejada noted that visitors were not included in the minutes. Mr. Londrigan indicated he would attempt to do this going forward. Mr. Mesa-Tejada moved to accept the minutes with Mr. Londrigan seconding them. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Mr. Wentworth moved to adjourn the meeting with Ms. Howe seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.