**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

**April 14, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Jorge Mesa-Tejada, Steve Londrigan, Emily Reschberger, John Skidmore

**ABSENT**: Bill Keating

**VISITORS:** Priscilla Lindquist, Selectmen Liaison, Penny Williams, Tri-Town Times

1. **Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Jorge Mesa-Tejada at 7:00pm in the Selectmen’s Office, Hampstead Town Hall. John Skidmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Election of Officers**

 Chairman nominees: Motion by John Skidmore to appoint Jorge Mesa-Tejada. Seconded by Steve Londrigan.

 **VOTE: YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**.

 Vice Chairman nominees: Motion by John Skidmore to appoint Steve Londrigan. Seconded by Emily Reschberger.

 **VOTE: YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**.

 Secretary nominees: Motion by Steve Londrigan to appoint Emily Reschberger. Seconded by John Skidmore.

 **VOTE: YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**.

**3. Liaison Assignments**

Chairman Mesa-Tejada polled members present. Each agreed to continue serving as liaison to the same departments and committees as in 2015. Steve Londrigan will serve as liaison to the Highway Department and Capital Needs Committee. Jorge Mesa-Tejada will serve as liaison to the Selectmen, School Board and Police Department. Emily Reschberger will serve as liaison to the School Board, Recreation Committee and Recycling and Bulk Waste Disposal Committee. John Skidmore will serve as liaison to the Selectmen, Fire/Rescue Department and Library.

**4. Approval of Minutes** of the January 14, 2016 Meeting

 Motion by Emily Reschberger to approve minutes as written. Seconded by John Skidmore.

 **VOTE: YES: 4 NO: 0 Abstain: 0**.

**5. Discussion: Town and School Warrant Results**

 **Town:** Steve Londrigan is interested in getting feedback from town residents about Articles 10 and 11. Jorge Mesa-Tejada shared his concern. John Skidmore expressed surprise about the vote on Article 10, stating he thought the case for Shop Pond dam construction was well presented. Emily Reschberger also expressed interested in receiving feedback about Articles 10 and 11.

 **School:** Jorge Mesa-Tejada stated that the results of the school ballot items were predictable. On an informational note, his research has found that on the 1935 Town Warrant, Article 13, that the Town voted to adopt provisions of the Municipal Budget Act. In 1993 the Town adopted the provisions of SB2 and stayed with the advisory budget committee as it is. Steve Londrigan noted that all the publicity and effort on behalf of the School Board yielded the same results. Londrigan added that he expects Breadloaf to pass along another bill to the Town as the School Board directs the firm to revise and tweak the proposal.

**6. Members Comments**

 Jorge: He expressed he will continue to exercise his duties as a member of the Budget Committee, continuing on as if nothing had happened. He noted that there are three contracts coming up for the 2017 warrant namely the HEA, HASP and HASS contracts. He also notified the Board of the request by the PTSA Board to meet with the Budget Committee to discuss the election results, specifically School Warrant Articles 2 and 7. He will keep members posted as to possible dates for the meeting.

 Emily: After serving a one-year term, she has been elected to a full three-year term. She looks forward to attending the upcoming NH State Budget Workshop and continuing to gain experience.

 John: He noted that the new fire truck has arrived and is in service. Nothing to report from the Library Trustees.

 Steve: He has been elected to his second three-year term and will continue to serve the Town.

**7. Next Meeting Agenda Items**

 Review current HEA, HASS and HASP Contracts: Jorge Mesa-Tejada noted that members can access contracts online. He requested that members gain familiarity with the current contracts; the HASP contract was just taken up in 2015. He also asked if members have a preference which contract to discuss first. No preference was stated. Jorge Mesa-Tejada made reference to continuing working as a budget committee member, asking questions and requesting information of respective departments and committees.

**8. Schedule Next Meeting Date**

 The next Budget Committee meeting will take place on May 12, 2016.

**9. Visitor’s Comments:** None.

**10. Adjournment**

On motion by John Skidmore, seconded by Steve Londrigan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily D. Reschberger