

LONDONDERRY BUDGET COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting of
May 22, 2008

The regular meeting of the Budget Committee was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

Committee Members Present: Jay Hooley, Chairman, Mark Oswald, Vice Chairman, Tom Freda, Secretary, Don Jorgensen. **Absent:** Tom Dolan, Deb Nowicki, Sean O’Keefe.

Other Officials Present: Mike Brown - Town Council Liaison, David Caron - Town Manager, Sue Hickey - Asst. Town Manager for Finance, John Robinson – School Board Liaison.

I. CALL TO ORDER : The meeting was called to order by Jay Hooley.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Pension Reform – Mike Brown addressed the Committee concerning a draft letter to send to the State Legislative Delegation relative to seeking support for pension reform legislation currently before the House and Senate. He advised that the Town Council had sent a similar letter and the School Board was considering sending such a letter. The letter was drafted by the Town Manager and submitted to the Budget Committee for discussion and approval. Prior to discussion, Mark Oswald recused himself from the discussion because his spouse is a school employee and affected by the proposed legislation. Questions concerning whether a formal motion and vote of the Budget Committee was required or whether individual members of the Committee could sign subsequent to the meeting. The Town Manager advised that since the Legislature was expected to take a vote shortly, the letter would need to be sent, if at all, by the end of the week. Committee Member Don Jorgensen advised that he did not have enough of an opportunity to review the contents of the letter as to make an informed decision and abstained from voting. Tom Freda then confirmed with the Town Manager that as Mark Oswald was present, the Committee had the necessary quorum to take action. Tom Freda then moved to send the letter. **Seconded** by Don Jorgensen. After a discussion by members, the motion was passed by a vote of **2 For, 0 Against, with one abstention**. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Jay Hooley, Chairman	X			
Mark Oswald, Vice Chairman			X	
Tom Dolan				X
Tom Freda, Secretary	X			
Don Jorgensen			X	
Deb Nowicki				X
Sean O’Keefe				X
Totals	2	0	2	3

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting for **April 24, 2008**, were reviewed by the Committee. Don Jorgensen moved for the minutes to be approved. **Seconded** by Mark Oswald. After a discussion by members, there was a suggestion to amend the minutes as follows:

the minutes, as amended were approved by a vote of **4 For, 0 Against**. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Jay Hooley, Chairman	X			
Mark Oswald, Vice Chairman	X			
Tom Dolan				X
Tom Freda, Secretary	X			
Don Jorgensen	X			
Deb Nowicki				X
Sean O'Keefe				X
Totals	4	0	0	3

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. The Budget Committee has developed a bond amortization calculator which was submitted to Sue Hickey for review. The Committee asked her if she had had an opportunity to review same and she agreed that it calculated correctly. It was decided to add the calculator to the Committee website, as well as remove items, such as the South School Bond Analysis, that are obsolete.
2. Mark Oswald proposed that the Committee look toward a specific percentage reduction of the town and school budgets and work towards achieving same.
3. Discussion relative to the upcoming distribution of funds to non-profit organizations. This is currently scheduled for July 24. Sue Hickey advised that prior to the meeting, she will review the organizations as to their status.
4. Tom Freda presented to the Budget Committee copies of a website for SunEdison Corporation. This corporation provides all of the equipment and maintenance for solar panels installed on the roofs of various public buildings and private buildings. Mark Oswald noted that the only buildings to meet the specifications outlined on the website would be those owned by the School Department. After further discussion, it was decided to forward the information to the School Board Chairman and Chuck Zappala.

V. NEW BUSINESS

General discussion concerning possibility of charging fees for those that use school bus services and participate in athletics.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Reports – School Board – No reports

Liaison Reports – Town Council – No reports

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Marc Oswald made a motion to adjourn, **Seconded** by Don Jorgensen. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Jay Hooley, Chairman	X			
Mark Oswald, Vice Chairman	X			
Tom Dolan				X
Tom Freda, Secretary	X			
Don Jorgensen	X			
Deb Nowicki				X
Sean O'Keefe				X
Totals	4	0	0	3

VIII. UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE:

- A. Budget Committee Meeting **June 19, 2008 – (5:00 – School Tours) Meeting 7:30 PM**
- B. Tentative Budget Committee Meeting **July 24, 2008 – 7:00 PM**

IX. RECORD OF MEETINGS HELD:

- 1. Organizational Meeting **March 15, 2008 – 1:00 PM**
- 2. Second Meeting, **April 24, 2008 – 7:00 PM**
- 3. Third Meeting, **May 22, 2008 – 7:00 PM**

RSA: 91-A:2 Meetings Open to Public. –

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