



Budget Committee

Margaret Allen
Dickie Garnett
Robert Copp

Robert Hamilton
James Sununu

David Peck
Richard Stanton
Michael Walzak

Budget Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 Town Hall

1. **Call to Order at 7:04pm**, Mr. Garnett absent, notified Chair pro tem he would be late.
Mr. Jon Rineman was in attendance in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

Code of Ethics Preamble was read.

Mr. Stanton was welcomed back to the committee as the Select Board Representative.

Mr. Copp was congratulated on his election to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Sununu was congratulated on his election to the School Board and welcomed to BudCom.

2. **Approve minutes from 2/1 and 2/4 Deliberative Sessions**

Mr. Stanton moved to approve the minutes from 2/1/14, the Town Deliberative Session,
Mr. Walzak second. Motion carried: 5-0-2, Mr. Copp and Mr. Sununu abstained.

Mr. Walzak moved to approve the minutes from 2/4/14, the School Deliberative Session,
as amended with the correction to the vote to reconsider Warrant Article 7 as 8-0-1 (Mr.
Stanton abstained), Mr. Stanton second. Motion carried: 5-0-2, Mr. Copp and Mr. Sununu
abstained.

3. **The Town and School Expenditures.**

The Town Expenditure report from Mr. Apple was reviewed and discussed. Fire
Department overtime was discussed as well as overtime in other departments. The report
estimates that the Town is running flat to last year with a net burn rate of 20%. Efforts to
reduce, reallocate and monitor expenditures are in place in order to achieve a goal of a \$75,000
surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Garnett joined the meeting at 7:15pm.

Mrs. Allen noted an email exchange with the School team, including Mr. Sununu regarding Mr. Peck's request to have the School/SAU provide a narrative expenditure report to the Budget Committee along with the line item financial report. Mr. Sununu will follow-up on that request. Mr. Sununu explained the septic pump failure at the school that caused an over-expenditure in Repairs/Maintenance, those expenses may be recovered from the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Mr. Copp noted that the transfers of fund between line items usually occurs in the April School Board meeting. It was agreed that the Budget Committee would receive a report on the transfers.

4. Vote on Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Peck moved to nominate Mrs. Allen for Chair and Mr. Hamilton seconded. Discussion. Motion carried: 8-0.

Mr. Peck moved to nominate Mr. Walzak for Vice-Chair, Mrs. Allen second. Discussion. Motion carried: 7-0-1 (Mr. Walzak abstained).

5. Discuss and vote on appointment to 1 year term on Budget Committee

Mrs. Allen noted that all committee members received via email the letters of intent for all the applicants for the appointment. It was also noted that Mr. Apple provided hardcopies of the documents. Mr. Peck asked that all applicants be named. Applicants were: Michael Golden, John Anthony Simmons, Kari Schmitz, Dan Derby, David Efron, Jonathan Pinette and Jon Rineman. It was noted that Mrs. Schmitz withdrew her notice.

Mrs. Allen requested that committee members state who their top two candidates would be. Mr. Garnett said Mr. Golden and Mr. Rineman and added that Mr. Golden would be his top choice due experience and recent history on BudCom. Mr. Walzak and Mr. Peck concurred. Mr. Stanton felt the election indicated a desire for change and his picks were Mr. Rineman and Mr. Pinette or Mr. Simmons. Mr. Copp chose Mr. Golden and Mr. Rineman. Mr. Hamilton chose only Mr. Golden. Mrs. Allen chose Mr. Golden and Mr. Rineman as the top two candidates.

Discussion. Mr. Rineman was asked if he would like to speak on his behalf and he did.

Mr. Stanton made a motion to nominate Mr. Rineman to the 1 year term, Mr. Copp seconded. Nomination did not carry: Mr. Rineman received votes from Mr. Stanton, Mr. Copp and Mr. Sununu in favor of the appointment.

Mr. Garnett made a motion to nominate Mr. Golden to the 1 year term, Mr. Hamilton seconded. Nomination carried: Mr. Garnett, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Walzak, Mr. Peck and Mrs. Allen voted in favor of the nomination.

Mr. Rineman was encouraged by the committee to participate in BudCom sub-committees and to consider running for election next year. He was thanked for his application and attendance.

6. Committee Assignments:

- a. NHS Transportation Committee: Mrs. Allen

- b. NHS Enrollment Committee: Mr. Peck and Mr. Copp
- c. CBA Sub-committee members: Mr. Walzak, Mr. Hamilton plus School Board member.
- d. CIP member: Mr. Garnett

Mr. Stanton asked the committee if they would consider serving as the Financial Advisory Board for any future Bonding that may present itself regarding a renovated Municipal Complex. Discussion. It was decided that a BudCom Bond Sub-committee be formed that also had individuals from the community with expertise with bonds and finance in general. Mr. Walzak, Mr. Peck and Mr. Sununu expressed interest in the sub-committee. Mr. Golden's name was also mentioned.

7. Preliminary calendar for FY16

Mr. Stanton corrected dates for the Deliberative Sessions in February. He also requested a more in depth look into the Default Budget process, especially from the School. It was decided that Default Budgets and Year End Reviews would be on the same meeting night with The Town presentation September 17 and the School presentation October 15. Mrs. Allen agreed to try to book Nancy Tuttle for the School presentation. Mr. Peck will work on the Economic Forecast for August 20 and Mrs. Allen will see if Steve Norton from the NH Center for Public Policy was available for a short presentation on July 30.

8. Adjournment: Mr. Garnett moved to adjourn at 8:45pm