



Budget Committee

Margaret Allen
Dickie Garnett
Robert Copp

Robert Hamilton
James Sununu
Michael Golden

David Peck
Richard Stanton
Michael Walzak

Budget Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 Town Hall

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7pm, Mr. Hamilton excused.
The MS-37 for the LBH Budget was circulated and signed.

Update to FY16 BudCom Calendar

SAU 21 office had a few requested date changes for their presentations. NHS budget books will be ready on 11/5 with the budget presentation on 11/12. The Town budget presentation would then be 11/19. The second meeting with the NHS team would be 12/3 and the Town 12/10. Mrs. Allen asked Mr. Sununu to confirm that Nancy Tuttle would be present on 10/15 for the Year End Review and Default Calculation. Mrs. Allen was waiting for Mr. Apple to confirm altering the dates of the Town presentations. A new calendar will be circulated when all parties confirm.

Economic Indicators – David Peck

TY v. LY median wage for our area indicates a 0.3% increase, mean wage +2.1% with COLA estimated at 1.7%. The full presentation will be available on the Town website. Mr. Stanton and Mr. Sununu will share the presentation with their respective boards.

Discussion of budget recommendations and goals for the coming cycle. Mr. Walzak stated that he felt the school did not demonstrate efficiency in the use of their budget and the sole focus was on the 2% goal, ignoring all other factors including declining enrollment. He felt both the town and the school needed find ways to decrease their budgets first and then factor in inflation.

Mr. Sununu stated the estimated enrollment at the school was down another 10 students, approximately 422, including pre-school. Mr. Sununu will check on staffing numbers. There are now three kindergarten classes for 40+ students and three fourth grade classes for 36 students.

42 The general consensus of the committee was that it appeared the school did not take into
43 account any of the budget/declining enrollment discussions from last year.

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45 Discussion of CBA's, compensation and evaluation.

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47 Mr. Golden requested SPED enrollment by grade.

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49 Mr. Stanton gave an update on town business. Management continues to work on overtime by
50 department, especially the FD. The expected budget looks to be over inflation due to training
51 and other categories that have been sacrificed to hit budget numbers. A brief discussion of a
52 possible Contingency Fund and Director of Public Safety.

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54 **Enrollment Committee Update – David Peck**

55 Committee report due 9/18/14 to the NHSB. Mr. Peck thanked NHS for good honest discussion
56 and detailed how difficult it was to gather and analyze data. Full report next meeting.

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58 **Approve 7/30/14 meeting minutes**

59 Motion to approve by Mr. Walzak, Mr. Stanton second, motion carried 5-0-4.

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61 **New Business**

62 Mr. Peck tendered his resignation. Mrs. Allen accepted with deepest regrets. Committee agreed
63 that Mr. Peck has been an extremely valuable member of the Budget Committee for several
64 years and this earnestness, analytical skills and thoughtfulness will be sorely missed. The
65 September meeting will be his last meeting.

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67 **Adjourn**

68 Mr. Garnett moved to adjourn, Mr. Peck second. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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71 Next meeting September 17, Town Year End Review and Default Budget

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