



Budget Committee

**Margaret Allen
Dickie Garnett
Robert Copp**

**Robert Hamilton
James Sununu
Michael Golden**

**David Peck
Richard Stanton
Michael Walzak**

Budget Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 Town Hall

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance @ 7pm

Ms. Allen noted adjustment to the agenda: Town year end and default to be moved to next town presentation.

Open Position Candidates/Presentation

David Peck was thanked for his 10 years of service to the Budget Committee and presented with small tokens of appreciation from committee members.

Two candidates put their names in for consideration for the vacant BudCom position: Kari Schmitz and Rhonda Forsythe. Discussion of qualifications and comments by individual members. The consensus of the committee was a preference for a candidate with experience on BudCom and NHSB since budget cycle was already underway.

Bob Copp moved to nominate Kari Schmitz to the vacant position and Bob Hamilton seconded, motion carried 9-0. Ms. Forsythe was thanked for her volunteering her service and she was encouraged to continue her efforts to serve the town.

LBH Budget adjustments – D. Garnett

Mr. Garnett explained a slight adjustment to the LBH budget that did not effect the bottomline. New state forms were passed to members for signatures.

Enrollment Committee Update-D. Peck and J. Sununu

The draft report to be presented to the NHSB was reviewed. Although there was a large increase in the kindergarten enrollment, there was a decrease in the expected number of middle school students rendering the total school enrollment flat to last year at 434 students.

Discussion of report findings and recommendations. There seemed to be a discrepancy between expectations of the Enrollment Committee by the Budget Committee and the School team.

Mr. Walzak left the meeting at 8pm, prior to leaving he noted he expected a decrease in the school budget this coming year and his dissatisfaction with the report findings.

Budget Goals and Recommendations for Town and School

Discussion by individual members regarding expectations for the proposed budgets from the town and the school.

Mr. Garnett stated he would ask the school to work more collaboratively with the Budget Committee this year.

Mr. Golden stated he would ask the town to come in around 2% and the school to show a decrease. Mrs. Allen also expressed her wish to work more collaboratively with the school this year and noted that with the principal retiring that perhaps there could be movement to decrease the budget.

Mr. Sununu inquired as to why there might be different goals between the school and town when the town's spending had increased over the past few years and the school and relatively minor increases.

Further discussion with Mr. Stanton leading the explaining the town expenditures and needs the past years.

Mrs. Allen suggested no motion on goals be taken to a vote but asked that Mr. Stanton and Mr. Sununu take back to their respective boards the sentiments expressed by BudCom and to make every effort to work collaboratively.

Approve minutes from 8/20/14: Mr. Stanton moved to accept as written, Mr. Golden second, motion carried 9-0.

Adjourn: So moved by Mr. Peck, second by Mr. Garnett, adjourned at 8:46pm.

Next meeting: 10/15/14 NHS Year End Review and Default Calculation