



Budget Committee Draft Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2015

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1. Call to Order

Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7PM,

a. Introduce Budget Committee Members

Those in attendance were Alternate Select Board member Larry Miller, Kari Schmitz, John Anthony Simmons, Jonathan Pinette and James Sununu. Absent was Casey O’Kane and Selectman Stanton.

Also in attendance Nancy Tuttle, SAU 21, Richard Boardman, North Hampton School Principal, Judy Day, and a candidate for the open position on the budget committee, Terry Belluche.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hamilton thanked Channel 22 Director, John Savastano for helping with setting up the meeting with the audio visual equipment which is now in High Definition.

2. Review of Nominations to fill Budget Committee position vacated by Bob Copp

Terry Belluche stated he was interested in serving his community as a budget committee member.

Motion by Mr. Simmons to nominate Terry Belluche as a full member in the spot recently vacated by Bob Copp. Seconded by Mr. Pinette. Motion carries 6-0.

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48 The committee invited Mr. Belluche to join them at the table.

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50 3. Structure of Wage Schedules for School and Town

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52 Chair Hamilton stated two contracts will be up for renewal, the school and the police
53 department and shared with the committee what the wage schedules look like and stated
54 he wanted to focus on wage schedules.

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56 Discussion ensued on the role of the budget committee regarding negotiated contracts
57 and how their vote as a committee plays a role.

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59 Mrs. Schmitz stated the committee works as a group and when requesting documents of
60 either the school or town it should be done so as a group and not to suit an individual's
61 need and it should be conducted through the Chair.

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63 Mr. Simmons disagreed, and stated individuals should be allowed to ask for information
64 on their own if they felt more information is needed to clear up any questions they might
65 have before making a vote.

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67 4. School Year End Review and Default Budget

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69 Nancy Tuttle presented the school year end summary for the school year ending June 30,
70 2015.

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72 Much discussion ensued regarding the school free and reduced fee lunch program and
73 the reimbursements from the Federal government; transfers within the budget and how it
74 is decided on where monies will be transferred to and from; the school district
75 expendable trust funds; natural gas line running from Route 1 up Atlantic Avenue to the
76 school and boiler replacement; health insurance rates with budgeting by the GMR
77 (guaranteed maximum rate); default budget; discussion on the telephone line item was
78 lengthy with many questions on how many lines, service providers, bundling services.

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80 Mrs. Tuttle discussed the next steps in the budgeting process for the school and how the
81 budget is arrived at; work session dates and times were also discussed.

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83 Mrs. Tuttle urged budget committee members to take a tour of the school when it is in
84 session.

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86 5. Any new business that comes before the committee

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88 Mr. Simmons commented that the agenda listed Mr. O'Kane's name incorrectly. He also
89 asked if the committee would be approving the minutes of September 21, 2015 as they
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92 Chair Hamilton stated they would be taken up at the next meeting.

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6. Adjourn

Chair Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet L. Facella, Administrative Assistant/Human Resources Director

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