



## Budget Committee Approved Minutes September 21, 2015

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

a. Introduce Budget Committee Members.

Those present were Robert Copp, Jonathan Pinette, John Anthony Simmons, Kari Schmitz, Dickie Garnett and James Sununu. Absent Selectman Stanton.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hamilton stated the meeting was supposed to be a workshop before the budget season begins, however because there were members absent it would not be possible.

Chair Hamilton stated Committee Member Sununu will be giving his talk on the economic outlook in New Hampshire, and would be going over wage scale salary structures for both the Town and School at the next meeting.

2. Review of Nominations to fill Budget Committee position until March election

Chair Hamilton stated they would be taking nominations for the position vacated by Margaret Allen. This position will finish out the term that expires in March 2016.

Casey O'Kane stated it was an honor to be considered for this open position. Mr. O'Kane explained his roots in the Seacoast, and would like to do something to help the community.

Mr. O'Kane stated his background is that of a lawyer and understands about budgets, spreadsheets and civil debate.

Terrence Belluche stated he is also interested in serving his community. He stated he is a "marketing guy" in the medical equipment field that has always wanted to help the town.

Chair Hamilton explained the budget committee's schedule, and the regularity of their meetings. The members talked at length about having an alternate on the committee and whether or not it would be allowed in the same way as the Planning and Zoning Boards. Chair Hamilton asked that all those in favor of voting for Mr. O'Kane signify by raising their hand, Those in favor: Mr. Copp, Mr. Sununu, Mr. Garnett and Chair Hamilton. Mr. O'Kane is appointed. Chair Hamilton thanked Mr. Belluche and stated he would be in touch if an alternate is allowed and or needed on the committee. 3. Workshop Items a. Structure of Salary Schedules for School & Town – Bob Hamilton b. Economic Outlook for New Hampshire – James Sununu c. Floor is Open – In future Budget Committee meetings we tend to focus on specific budgetary items for the School or Town. This workshop is a good opportunity for any Committee member to take whatever time is needed to share or discuss an idea, thought or perspective that is important to you. (This agenda item postponed until the next scheduled meeting) 4. Any new business that comes before the committee 5. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM. Respectfully submitted, Janet L. Facella