

Municipal Budget Committee

Anne Ambrogi Dickie Garnett John Anthony Simmons Charles Gallant Kathy Kilgore James Sununu Kari Schmitz Jonathan Pinette Richard Stanton

Budget Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Rick Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Introduction of new members Anne Ambrogi, Kathleen Kilgore and Charles Gallant were given, as well as veteran members John Anthony Simmons, Jonathan Pinette, Dickie Garnett and James Sununu.

Selectman Stanton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Stanton stated Kari Schmitz was unavailable to attend.

2. Election of Officers

John Anthony Simmons called for a point of order stating he would like to see more than one person nominated for the chair position. He further stated he would like no votes against someone; only votes in favor.

Anne Ambrogi nominated Kari Schmitz as chair. The nomination was supported 8-0.

John Anthony Simmons asked if Mrs. Schmitz would be available for future meetings, and if there would be a scheduling conflict.

Dickie Garnett nominated Selectman Stanton for vice chair.

Selectman Stanton nominated Jonathan Pinette.

Members voting for Selectman Stanton, three(3). Members voting for Mr. Pinette, five (5).

Mr. Pinette will be vice chair.

3. Reading from Code of Ethics

Vice Chair Pinette read the Preamble to the Code of Ethics.

4. Discuss proposed meeting schedule for the year

Members discussed the meeting schedule for 2016/2017.

Mr. Garnett asked to have the Little Boar's Head meeting during the first week of August.

Mr. Sununu stated the school presented their budget first last year, so this year it would be the town's turn to present first.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to switch the town and school dates of October 17 and October 31; November 7 and November 21; and December 5 and December 19. Seconded by Mr. Sununu. Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Sununu stated the September date should be changed to the 19th not the 21st, as the 19th is on a Monday and the 21st is on a Wednesday. He also stated the January date should be the 16th not the 11th.

The committee changed the August date to August 1.

The committee changed the January date to January 18th.

5. <u>Discuss requests by and for information needed by Committee</u> <u>members</u>

Mr. Simmons stated he was uncomfortable with the way in which requests for information were handled last year and suggested the committee adopt their own Rules of Procedure. Mr. Simmons distributed copies of the current Select Board's Rules of Procedure. He further stated he would like to write a

draft for the committee. His draft work produce will be distributed to the Town Administrator and the Town Administrator will forward the committee members.

Mr. Simmons stated the way information was presented last year was very unorganized and would like that changed. He would also like to see the information posted online so people can follow along at home.

Mr. Simmons stated he had asked to put Rules of Procedure on the agenda and was denied, and therefore asked Vice Chair Pinette to place on the next meeting agenda.

6. Establish next meeting date/time

(Secretary's Note: This item was taken up under Agenda Item 4.)

7. Other Business; (Appoint volunteer to CIP)

Motion by Selectman Stanton to nominate Anne Ambrogi to serve as Budget Committee representative on the CIP Committee. Seconded by Mr. Garnett. Motion carries 8-0.

8. Approve minutes from January 4th, 2016

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Simmons. Motion carries 5-0-3.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Facella