

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 6, 2017

Members Present: Ruell, Hoerter, Downing, Cilley, Badger, Lamos, Stewart, Coleman

Others Present: Patricia Tucker, Ann Barney, Tejasinha Sivalingam

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. in the Ashland School library.

Town Budget. The committee discussed the Parks & Recreation Building Expense line with Parks & Recreation Director Barney, A motion by Cilley, seconded by Badger, to recommend \$4000 for Parks & Recreation Building Expense failed on a tie vote of 4 to 4. On a motion by Downing, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 6 to 2 to recommend \$2500 for Parks & Recreation Building Expense.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Tucker answered all but one of the questions the committee had asked about Estimated Revenues and warrant articles. She also presented the Committee with additional petitioned warrant articles.

Estimated Revenues. On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Badger, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Estimated Revenues proposed by the Selectmen.

Warrant Articles.

A motion by Hoerter, seconded by Stewart, to not recommend the Thompson Street/Smith Hill Road project warrant article resulted in a tie vote of 4 in favor and 4 against the motion.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, it was voted to not recommend the Library Building purchase and renovation warrant article by a vote of 6 for not recommending and 2 against the motion.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Coleman, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Fire Engine purchase warrant article.

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Transfer Station mini-loader warrant article.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Public Works loader warrant article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, to not recommend the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund warrant article, the vote was 2 to not recommend and 6 against the motion.

On a motion by Downing, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund warrant article.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend the Public Works Fund warrant article.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund warrant article.

On a motion by Downing, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 6 to 2 to recommend the Building Maintenance and Repair fund warrant article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund warrant article.

On a motion by Downing, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund warrant article.

A motion was made by Downing and seconded by Hoerter to not recommend the Collective Bargaining Agreement warrant article. After discussion, it was voted 8 to 0, on a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, to table this article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted to not recommend the LCHIP grant for Town Hall Study warrant article by a vote of 5 for not recommending and 3 against the motion.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend the Automobile Registration Fee warrant article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted to not recommend the Budget Committee warrant article, by a vote of 5 for not recommending, 2 against the motion and 1 abstaining.

On a motion by Hoerter and Downing, it was voted to not recommend the two warrant articles for the Electric Commissioners and the Water & Sewer Commissioners by a vote of 6 for not recommending and 2 against the motion.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council warrant article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Pemi Baker Community Health warrant article.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Tri County Community Action Program warrant article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Voices Against Violence warrant article.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Ruell, to recommend the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee warrant article, the vote was 2 for the recommendation, 5 against the motion and 1 abstaining.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Downing, to recommend the CADY warrant article, the vote was 2 for the recommendation, 5 against the motion and 1 abstaining.

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 0, with 1 abstention, to recommend the Bridge House warrant article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Badger, it was voted 6 to 1, with 1 abstention, to recommend the Genesis Behavioral Health warrant article.

(Copies of the warrant articles as presented to the Budget Committee will be attached to the official copy of the minutes.)

The consensus of the Committee was to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 9, at the Town Hall to consider the remaining and still incoming warrant articles.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Cilley, it was voted to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

David Ruell, Chairman