

# ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

## MAY 7, 2015

Members Present: Ruell, Dion, Cilley, Hoerter, Lamos, DeWolfe, Coleman,  
Downing (late)  
Others Present: Andrew Hancock

The meeting began at 7:01 p.m. in the Ashland School Library.

### Election of Officers

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Hoerter, Ruell was nominated as Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion was passed on a vote of 6 yeas, no nays, and 1 abstention.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by DeWolfe, Lamos was nominated as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion was passed on a vote of 5 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by DeWolfe, Coleman was nominated as Secretary. There were no other nominations. The motion was passed on a vote of 6 yeas, no nays and 1 abstention.

### Minute Taking

The committee discussed the taking of minutes. Cilley volunteered to take the minutes for the next few meetings, until such time as she informs Coleman that she no longer wishes to do so. It was agreed that the minutes would then be taken by members in rotation, following a formal list of names.

### Vacancy on Committee

The only person to volunteer for the vacant position was Andrew Hancock. After a discussion with him, the committee vote 8 to 0, on a motion by Downing, seconded by DeWolfe, to appoint Andrew Hancock to serve on the Budget Committee until the town election in March of 2016.

### Copies of Reports

The committee members all wanted paper copies of reports. A letter will be sent to the Town Office and the Utility Office, asking for monthly financial reports, to be placed in the Budget Committee folders by the second Tuesday of the following month, and asking that the committee members be informed by e-mail when the reports have been placed in the folders.

### Meeting Schedule

The committee discussed days and times for meetings. It was agreed that, at least for the next few months, meetings will be held on Thursdays, beginning at 7 p.m. The meetings are to last two hours and to be over by 9 p.m. Four Thursdays were selected as the dates for the Mid Year Review of the Town departments and the Utilities, July 23 and 30, August 13 and 20.

### Budgeting Books

After discussion, it was voted to buy up to four "Basic Law of Budgeting" books from the NH Municipal Association for the new members. Only two will be purchased soon, as one or two new members may go to the NHMA conference on budgeting and receive copies as part of that conference.

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



David Ruell