

Minutes of the Budget Committee

6/20/23

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 Pm

Present K. Hughes, Lee Nichols, Sandra Colman, David Ruel, Ann Barney.

Absent with notice, Jamie Lyford, Jessy Farris, and David Unangst.

It was confirmed that all have received and reviewed budget marked 6/5/23.

Discussion over Debit Service and why its marked \$0.00 on page 12 its believed this is a coding or just has not caught up to this side of the ledger as it appears on the other side. Asked to have town finance confirm this.

Discussion on where the 5 million sewer bond shows up in the budget, and why things that its believed should be marked against the bond is showing up over running lines. i.e. engineering costs are over run lines, also the sewer budget has spent over 10% of their budget each month for the last 5 months. Would appear to be running out of funds. This prompted the Budget committee to request town finance to give us a breakdown of how the 5 million bond is being used and what has been paid out of it so far.

It was discussed and agreed that we should ask for DRA to come to a monthly meeting as they recently did with the school board to discuss budgeting requirements. Also distributed the information that town finance gave to us about September training and members will try to attend.

Discussion over how highway block grants work. Funds up front verse, paying and getting reimbursed.

Further discussion on how we are getting funds to pay bills without getting TAN notes, the board asked to have the town finance answer this.

It was discussed that on page 4, the covered bridge fire alarm line is at 100%. The board would like to know that the Alarm service has been paid or will be paid, and that the covered bridge is being monitored.

The budget committee then went on to review the school budget as requested in a previous meeting.

No School budget was present or able to be gotten. She school board rep (Sandra Colman) stated that it was available Electronically but also stated that she could not access it currently as she did not have a computer. It was further discussed that there are not computers that can be accessed at our meeting to review the Budget.

It was discussed to have the School print out copies of the Budget Expenditure and where the budget is each month and send them to the Budget committee prior to our monthly meeting and that when the final fiscal report for year ending June 30, 2023 is ready the budget committee, request this document to review, as pers RSA 32:16 and RSA 32:17

It was discussed by the board that this is what the board has been requiring from the town and should be treating the school the same way so that we can be better educated in the Budget process for the making of the new budgets.

It was the consensus of the board that we will have public television come to tape only the New Budget meeting and not the review of the current budgets.

Future meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting being July 11, 2023 at 6 pm at the Conference room at water and sewer. (this has been set aside with the water and sewer office)

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM