

Town of Alton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
January 13, 2015  
Minutes  
Approved February 4, 2015

**I. Call to Order 6:30pm**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Andy McLeod, Chairman  
Roger Nelson, Vice Chairman  
John Markland, Member  
Terence O'Rourke, Member  
Lou Lacourse, Selectmen's Representative  
Steve Miller, School Board Representative  
Ruth Messier, Member

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**R. Messier motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by L. Lacourse and passed with all in favor.**

**V. Public Hearing Opened**

**VI. New Business**

**A. School Budget Public Hearing**

Warrant Article 5 – previously tabled.

S. Miller informed the committee that the School Board voted 5-0 in favor of the Article 5.

Discussion

**S. Miller motioned to accept Article 5 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

**Budget Committee votes 4-3 with RM, AM and RN voting against.**

Vicky Sweezy, Alton town resident, and PMHS Teacher and PMHS Teacher Association President spoke regarding Warrant Article 7. Ms. Sweezy spoke about how for five years the teachers have been stuck on step and track and explained to the Committee and audience how the step and track process works. Ms. Sweezy stated there are currently 19 teachers who are not being paid for five years of experience. The teachers could go and make between \$7,000.00 and \$12,000.00 more in nearby districts. Ms. Sweezy continued that the increase is needed to keep the staff that is dedicated at PMHS.

**VII. Public Hearing Closed**

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Approval of meeting minutes**

J. Markland motioned to accept meeting minutes of January 6, 2015 and January 8, 2015 as presented and was seconded by R. Nelson. The Committee voted 6-1 in favor with R. Messier abstaining.

**IX. Other Business**

None

**X. Adjourn**

**T. O'Rourke motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by J. Markland with all in favor. Adjourned 6:55pm**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary

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