

**Town of Alton
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

APPROVED

FEBRUARY 6, 2007

Present: Stephen Miller, William Curtin, Elizabeth Dominick, Laurie Boyce
Virgil MacDonald

Absent: Terri Noyes, Krista Argiropolis

I. CALL TO ORDER

S. Miller called the meeting to order at 6:37PM.

II. ROLL CALL

S. Miller took a roll call.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Deliberative Session – February 3, 2007

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the deliberative session on 02/03/07.

S. Miller stated that the School Board supported the Budget Committee's final numbers and asked that to be added and W. Curtin agreed. One name correction was noted by S. Miller and L. Boyce agreed. Two spelling correction was noted.

S. Miller asked this recorder to review Article IV to see if it was for \$910,000 or \$860,000 for property and \$50,000 to move a septic system. This recorder found that \$910,000 was the total amount presented for Article IV by the School Board on the audio recording.

There was a discussion about the post-meeting Budget Committee votes on the amended warrant articles. There was a discussion about Articles IV and V. The Committee discussed Article VII, as amended and why it was amended.

The Committee discussed Article IX and why it was amended. S. Miller motioned that the article numbers need to match what was amended on the floor and he would contact the School Board to be certain that the Warrant Articles accurately reflected the warrant articles voted on at the post-meeting votes taken by the Budget Committee. W. Curtin seconded the motion. (SM, VM, WC / abstain – LB, ED)

W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes of February 3, 2007 and V. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of three, with two abstaining (SM, VM, WC / abstain – LB, ED)

Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2006

W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes of December 7, 2006 and L. Boyce seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with one abstaining (SM, VM, WC, ED / abstain – LB,)

Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2006

W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes of December 14, 2006 and V. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with one abstaining (SM, VM, WC, ED / abstain - LB)

Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2007

W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes of January 9, 2007 and S. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with one abstaining (SM, LB, WC, ED / abstain - VM)

Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2007 (Post Deliberative Session Meeting @ 4:15PM)

S. Miller noted that the amended amounts were what was voted on and accepted in these meeting minutes. W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes of February 3, 2007 and V. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of three, with two abstaining (SM, VM, WC / abstain – LB, ED)

IV. REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

W. Curtin spoke about who was on the seats of the JMA Budget Committee and noted another change to be made about the charge to the Budget Committee. There was a discussion about the role of the Budget Committee with the JMA fiscal budget. There was a discussion about the other changes recommended. V. MacDonald motioned to accept the amended report and W. Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. (SM, WC, VM, ED, LB)

V. TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION PREPARATION

S. Miller noted that line 8 was the only number they needed. It was not a default budget. It was the recommended budget plus 10%. He stated this number had been confirmed with L. Carr and C. Johnson, of the Alton School Board. He noted the collective bargaining numbers were not in there because he was not certain it was 100% correct, and after he had that from the business managers, he would add that to the \$12 million. L. Boyce motioned to charge S. Miller with getting the rest of this information and V. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. (SM, WC, VM, ED, LB)

The town's remaining budget expenses was briefly reviewed.

S. Miller stated that secret ballot requests needed to be passed around and signed. The Committee completed this task.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the Town's Deliberative Session, February 6, 2007.

VIII. ADJOURN

W. Curtin motioned to adjourn and V. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. (SM, WC, VM, ED, LB)

The meeting ended at 8:00PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Krista Argiropolis
Recorder of Public Minutes