

**Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
May 10, 2017
Minutes**

1. Call to order – at 6:30 pm by Chairman Nelson.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roger Nelson, Chairman
Andrew Levasseur, Member
Greg Fuller, Vice Chairman
Ruben Wentworth, Selectman Representative
David Hershey, Member
Michael Ball, School Department Representative

Terrence O'Rourke, Member- ABSENT

4. Approval of Agenda

All in favor.

5. Approval of Minutes - April 13, 2017

**MOTION by D. Hershey to accept the meeting minutes of April 13, 2017 as presented. Second by G. Fuller
Motion passes with all in favor.**

6. Public Input I. None seen or heard. Public input closed.

7. Old Business

A. Review of Town and School Financials YTD

R. Nelson confirmed with all members if they are receiving email with School Financials. R. Nelson getting hard copy. Question for any financials from town or school. No questions.

B. BOS Meeting 8/7. Confirmed this meeting with members. D. Hershey suggested requesting an agenda from BOS to see what they will be requesting. R. Nelson stated this has been done through the request R. Wentworth mentioned update regarding the Ambulance Funding that this has been discussed at BOS with new policy that town residents will only be billed for what insurance will pay for each occurrence. Non-residents will be billed. Uninsured will be sent a bill

C.

Purpose of BOS Meeting. General discussion. Discussion on Recreation Center. R. Wentworth suggested contacting John Markland and seeing if a member of the Budget Committee could be on the committee. G. Fuller also asked about a member of the Budget Committee to be assigned to CIP committee. R. Wentworth asked R. Nelson if the Budget Committee would consider having a Budget Committee member assigned to the CIP. This committee has significant budgetary items and input from the warrant articles. Question for the BOS in August meeting. R. Nelson also asked about suggesting cuts and was told there were already signed contracts making this impossible. Concern

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

Page 2

there were contracts already before the budget has been approved. R. Nelson stated these are some of the concerns that he has that he would like to discuss with the BOS.

A. Levassuer asked about the estimates regarding the gazebo. R. Wentworth reported status.

R. Nelson stated his concern with School budget has started the same 3-4 years in a row. Would like a budget presented on what the school needs. He would like to see all presented budgets submitted with a 5% cut.

8. New Business

A. Review of the Responsibilities of the Budget Committee Members. Responsibility for the oversight of what the town and selectmen would like to do.

Not discussed.

B. Upcoming Meeting Schedule -

Meet before the selectmen meeting on August 2, Wed at 6:30 pm to prepare for the BOS meeting with Budget Committee.

General discussion of the tax rate.

9. Public Input II – None seen or heard. Public Input II closed.

10. Other Business

M. Ball asked about R. Nelson about his comment seeing budgets coming from committees reflecting budgets of 5% less than last year. R. Nelson explained he would like to see this happen across the board from town and school.

D. Hershey asked if it the goal of the town to have audited financial statements with deficiencies? R. Wentworth to look into an answer.

11. Adjourn. **Motion by R. Wentworth to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Schaeffner
Recording Secretary