

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
October 23, 2012
Minutes
Approved October, 25, 2012

Call to Order 6:10 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input I

None seen or heard
Public Input I Closed

Roll Call

Marc DeCoff, Selectmen's Representative
John Markland, Vice Chairman
Andy McLeod, Chairman
Krista Argiropolis, School Board Representative
Karl Ingoldsby, Member
B. Howard, Member, Excused Absence
G. Fuller, Member, Excused Absence

Other Attendees:

R. Bailey, town Administrator
Ken McWilliams, Town Planner
Ken Roberts, Highway Department
Bill Curtin, Water Superintendent
John Conboy, Water Commissioner
Richard Glidden, Water Commissioner

Planning Department – 4191

Mr. McWilliams

K. Ingoldsby motioned to accept the budget for Planning Department - 4191 for a total of \$113,242.00, seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis, Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Water Department – 4331

Bill Curtin - Water Superintendent, John Conboy - Water Commissioner, Richard Glidden - Water Commissioner.

K. Argiropolis noted that the Selectmen have added \$40,000.00 to the main expense. This is paid for from the water funds. A special assessment of \$100.00 was sent to all the water users.

Line 041 -- Dental shows ink and new copier. This should appear on Line 131.

R. Bailey informed the Committee that the Library could not make tonight's meeting and will appear on November 1, 2012.

Highway Department – 4312

Ken Roberts

Overall there is a .0007% increase and the only high increase is in Payroll.

K. Ingoldsby requested a copy of the pay scale for the next meeting.

Emergency Management – 4290

K. Argiropolis motioned to recommend acceptance of Emergency Management – 4290 in the amount of \$3,528.00, seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Street Lighting – 4316

K. Ingoldsby motioned to accept Street Lighting - 4316 in the amount of \$28,516.00, seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Household Hazardous Waste – 4326

K. Argiropolis motioned to approve Household Hazardous Waste in the amount of \$21,433.00, seconded by K. Ingoldsby.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Welfare – 4442

K. Argiropolis motioned to recommend \$75,080.00 for the Welfare Department – 4442 as presented, seconded by K. Ingoldsby.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Goldman Museum - 4575

K. Argiropolis motioned to accept \$8,800.00 for the Museum, seconded by K. Ingoldsby.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Patriotic - 4583

Is currently being re-evaluated.

General Government - 4130

K. Ingoldsby motioned to accept General Government - 4130 for \$352,649.00, seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis No, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 4-1.

Budget Committee – 4131

K. Ingoldsby motioned to accept \$2,607.00 for Budget Committee - 4131, seconded by K. Argiropolis.
Discussion on training for budget committee members and costs associated with it.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Legal Fees – 4153

R. Bailey gave an overview of the budget lines.

K. Argiropolis motioned to approve \$118,325.00 for Legal Fees – 4153, seconded by A. McLeod seconds.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Public Television/PEG - 4199

K. Argiropolis motioned to approve the Selectmen's recommendation of \$15,000 for Public Television/PEG – 4199, seconded by A. McLeod.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby Yes, motion passed in favor 5-0.

Public Input II

None seen or heard.
Public Input II closed

Old Business

M. DeCoff provided answers to questions asked at the previous meeting. Under General Government, line 184. This line ran over because an engineer was needed due to the Town placed lally columns at the Owl's Nest property. General Government Line 205 - TTF General Expense is the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The question regarding Police Department Line 015, the Auxiliary Police Officer is the Victim Advocate. Under 309 Gilman Museum Building Expense that was for the ceiling, Under Encumbrance 902, the GASB45 refers to GASB45 a National Accounting.

A. McLeod has received the report from Kathy O'Blenes. The report will forwarded to the Budget Committee Members. A. McLeod ask that the Committee review, have any questions written up and sent to him via E-Mail. A. McLeod will then forward their questions K. O'Blenes. These will then will be reviewed at a later date.

Next Meeting Thursday October 25th at 6:20 pm Assessing, Code Enforcement, Police and Animal Control. The Library will come in on November 1st.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 18, 2012 will be streamlined further and re-submitted.

There was a discussion on a request by K. Ingoldsby to site visit various Town buildings.

K. Argiropolis motioned for K. Ingoldsby to go forward and check various town buildings per his request and report back to the Budget Committee with his findings, seconded by M. DeCoff.

Vote: M. DeCoff Yes, A. McLeod Yes, K. Argiropolis Yes, J. Markland Yes, K. Ingoldsby abstained, motion approved 4 in favor and 1 abstention (K. Ingoldsby).

Motion by K. Argiropolis to adjourn, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed all in favor.

Adjournment 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary

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