

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
January 6, 2016
Minutes
Approved January 13, 2016

I. Call to Order 6:33pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

Other Attendees:

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

IV. Approval of Agenda

R. Nelson motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by J. Markland with all in favor.

S. Miller asked a question regarding the agenda stating that at the last schedule he had showed that the School was supposed to be in attendance this evening. A. McLeod responded that the schedule was changed in December.

V. Public Input I

None

Public Input I closed

VI. New Business

A. Town Department Budget Voting

R. Bailey informed the Committee that the budget was slightly adjusted. Under the Water Department it has been updated to reflect insurance figures. Under Library the cost for education reimbursement for Career Development was not voted on by the Selectmen at this time.

There was a discussion on the cost of the Career Development increase requested by the Library.

R. Bailey informed the Committee that the Default Budget is \$6,865,318.00 and he will provide additional information at the public meeting.

B. Town Warrant Articles

Warrant Articles 1 through 7 relate to the Planning Board and are not voted on by the Budget Committee.

General Government – 4130

There was a discussion on wages and various department increases.

L. LaCourse motioned to accept the town budget as written and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with J. Markland and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 8 – Old Home Week

S. Miller motioned to accept Warrant Article 8 and was seconded by L. LaCourse.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with R. Nelson and J. Markland voting against.

Recess taken at 7:07pm
Meeting resumed at 7:10pm

Warrant Article 9 – Upgrade of Alton Bay Sidewalks

Discussion

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 9 if amended to read “Only” after Upgrade of Alton Bay Sidewalks and was seconded by S. Miller.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with R. Nelson and S. Miller voting against.

Warrant Article 10 – Sidewalk Capital Reserve

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 10 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 11 – Town Hall Building Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 11 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

Discussion

The Budget Committee votes 7-0 with all in favor.

Warrant Article 12 – Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 12 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

Discussion

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with J. Markland and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 13 – Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 13 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

Discussion

The Budget Committee votes 7-0 with all in favor.

Warrant Article 14 – Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 14 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

Discussion

The Budget Committee votes 6-0-1 in favor with R. Nelson abstaining.

Warrant Article 15 – Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 15 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

Discussion

The Budget Committee votes 7-0 with all in favor.

Warrant Article 16 – Upgrade of Alton Bay Restrooms

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 16 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 17 – Engineering Consultant for Upgrade of Jones Field

Discussion and Committee was informed that article is not recommended by the BOS.

D. Hershey motioned to accept Warrant Article 17 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor of the article with L. LaCourse and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 18 – Repair of Lake Wall

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 18 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

Discussion

R. Bailey will recommend to the BOS that the wording of “non-lapsing special” article be added to Warrant Article 18.

L. LaCourse motioned to amend his motion to accept Warrant Article 18 to include the wording “non-lapsing special” article and T. O’Rourke seconded the amended motion.

R. Bailey will go to the BOS to change the wording of Warrant Articles 16, 17 and 18 to include the wording of “non-lapsing special” article.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with R. Nelson voting against.
(See Reconsideration below)**

Warrant Article 19 – Cemetery Building Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 19 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with J. Markland and D. Hershey voting against.

Warrant Article 20 – The Operating Budget was voted on at the beginning of the meeting and passed with a vote of 5-2 in favor.

Warrant Article 21 - Ambulance Operation Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 21 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 7-0 with all in favor.

Warrant Article 22 – Alton Fire Station Capital reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 22 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 23 – Alton Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 23 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

Discussion

The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 24 – Highway Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 24 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 25 – Highway Department Leasing of Front End Loader and Grader

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 25 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 26 – Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 26 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 7-0 with all in favor.

Warrant Article 27 – Library Building Improvement Repair Capital Reserve Fund.

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 27 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 7-0 with all in favor.

Warrant Article 28 – Community Action Program

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 28 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with D. Hershey and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 29 – Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 29 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with D. Hershey and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 30 – American Red Cross

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 30 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke

The Budget Committee votes 3-4 against and does not recommend with D. Hershey, A. McLeod, R. Nelson and S. Miller voting against.

Warrant Article 31 – Alton Community Services

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 31 and was seconded by T. O’Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with D. Hershey and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 32 – Medication Bridge Prescription Program

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 32 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke,
The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with D. Hershey and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 33 – New Beginnings

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 33 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.
The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with D. Hershey and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 34 - Genesis

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 34 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.
The Budget Committee votes 4-3 in favor with D. Hershey, J. Markland and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 35 – Caregivers of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 35 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.
Discussion

R. Bailey will add the words "including Alton" to the warrant article.

The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with D. Hershey voting against.

Warrant Article 36 - CASA

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 36 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.
Discussion

The Budget Committee votes 7-0 with all in favor.

Warrant Article 37 – Appalachian Mountain Teen Project

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 37 and was seconded by J. Markland.
The Budget Committee votes 4-3 in favor with D. Hershey, T. O'Rourke and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 38 – Child and Family Services

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 38 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.
The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with D. Hershey and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Article 39 – L.I.F.E. Ministries

Discussion

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 39 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 0-7 against and does not recommend.

S. Miller motioned to reconsider Warrant Article 32. There was no second.

J. Markland motioned to reconsider Warrant Article 18 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor of reconsideration of Warrant Article 18.

Discussion

L. LaCourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 18 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.

The Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor with J. Markland and R. Nelson voting against.

Warrant Articles 40, 41 and 42 are non-monetary warrant articles and therefore are not voted on by the Budget Committee.

VII. **Public Input II**

None

Public Input II closed

VIII. Old Business

A. Approval of meeting minutes

R. Nelson motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2015 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke. The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with J. Markland abstaining.

R. Nelson motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2015 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke. The Budget Committee votes 6-1 in favor with J. Markland abstaining.

IX. Other Business

Next meeting will be held on January 7, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room and will be a public Hearing to present the Town Budget.

A meeting will be held on January 13, 2016 for voting on School Budget and School Warrant Articles. There was a discussion on the meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016. Confirmation will be made and the Committee will be notified.

X. Adjournment

A. McLeod motioned to adjourn and was seconded by T. O'Rourke and passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary
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