

Town of Alton
Town Hall Meeting Room
Budget Committee Meeting
January 9, 2014
Minutes
Approved February 6, 2014

I. Call to Order 7:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Andy McLeod, Chairman
Elizabeth Dominick, Member
Ruth Messier, Member
Loring Carr, Selectmen's Representative
Steve Miller, School Board Representative

John Markland, Member, excused absence
Lawrence Tilly, Vice Chairman, excused absence

Other Attendees:

R. Cullison, Superintendent PMHS
Sydney Leggett, Principal ACS
Kathy Oblenes, Business Administrator
William Lander, ACS Superintendent

IV. Approval of Agenda

S. Miller requested the Committee set a date and time to meet for the roofing bond. S. Miller stated the earliest that it can be done is Tuesday January 21, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Alton Central School at 7:30pm immediately following the School Board's public hearing being held at 7:00pm.

S. Miller apologized for the delay and stated that they had not been able to make a fiscally sound decision until the engineers presented their report.

V. Public Input I

None
Public Input I closed

VI. New Business

School Warrant Articles

S. Miller read the proposed School Board Articles into the record.

Article III

S. Miller and R. Cullison gave an overview of the warrant article and no vote was taken on this article at this time.

A discussion was held on the type of roof to be installed and was followed by a discussion on the interest rate and costs.

PMHS

Article XII – Improvement of Instruction Capital Reserve Fund

**L. Carr motioned not to recommend Article XII as written and the Budget Committee recommends \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.
The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor of not recommending Article VII.**

S. Miller recapped and stated the Budget Committee is not recommending Article No. XII and the Budget Committee is asking the PMHS School Board to consider an amount of 10,000.00 to be split accordingly.

Article XIII – Contingency Fund

**L. Carr motioned to recommend Article XIII as presented if approved by the School Board. The motion was seconded by A. McLeod.
The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor, if approved by the School Board.**

Article XIV – Establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Future Athletic Field Maintenance

**L. Carr motioned to recommend Article XIV as presented if approved by the School Board. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.
The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor, if approved by the School Board.**

Article XV – Prospect Mountain High School General Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

**L. Carr motioned not to recommend Article XV as written.
Discussion
The motion was seconded by R. Messier.
The Budget Committee votes 4-1 (S. Miller) in favor of not recommending Article 15.**

Article XVI – Prospect Mountain High School General Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

S. Miller recommends that Article XVI not be accepted because the wording “all funds have to be returned to the district and not the general fund” is not included.
There was a discussion on when the monies would possibly become available.

There was a discussion on the wording of the article.’

**L. Carr motioned not to recommend Article XVI as written.
Discussion
The motion was seconded by A. McLeod.
The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor of not recommending Article XVI.**

Break 8:30pm
Resumed 8:35pm

ACS

Article II – For Renovation, Reconstruction, Repairs, Construction, furnishing and equipping of an Addition to the ACS.

L. Carr motioned to table Article II until after the bond hearing on Monday January 13, 2014. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.

W. Lander provided the Committee with site plans.

Article IV – Determine and Fix Salaries of the School Board.

L. Carr motioned to accept Article IV as presented. R. Messier seconded the motion. The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor.

Article V – Operating Budget

There is no operating budget amount at this time.

L. Carr motioned to table Article V. The motion was seconded by R. Messier. The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor.

Article VI – Special Warrant Articles To Approve Cost Items Included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached Between the Alton School District and the Alton Teacher’s Association.

The teacher contracts are not available at this time.

L. Carr motioned to table Article VI. The motion was seconded by A. McLeod. The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor.

Article VII – Special Warrant Articles if Article V is defeated.

L. Carr motioned to table Article VII. The motion was seconded by R. Messier. The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor.*

Article VIII – Special Warrant Article for Building and Grounds Expendable Trust

L. Carr motioned to accept Article VIII as presented. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick. The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor.

Article IX – Special Warrant Articles for the Alton Professional Development Fund

S. Miller stated he is going to recommend to the Prospect Mountain School Board that the last statement be included in the Warrant Article of the High School. We have 47 teachers that are entitled to \$2,000.00 each that is \$94,000.00. Currently the balance is only \$20,087.00 we are only asking for an additional \$10,000.00 our idea here is to build it up and we are trying to do this as fiscally responsible as possible.

L. Carr motioned to approve Article IX as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Messier. The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor.

Article X – Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund

L. Carr motioned to approve Article X as presented. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick. The Budget Committee votes 5-0 in favor.

Article XI – Retain Year-End 2.5 percent of the Current Fiscal Year’s End Assessment

R. Messier motioned to approve Article XI as presented. The motion was seconded by A. McLeod.

The Budget Committee votes 4-1 in favor (L. Carr) against.

There was a discussion on upcoming meetings.

Monday, January 13, 2014 School Board Meeting will begin at 6:00pm. The Bond Hearing will begin at 7:00pm to be held at ACS in the Library.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 PMHS Board meeting will begin at 6:30pm at Town Hall. Immediately following, the Alton School Board will be meeting because of votes that PMHS will take and the numbers. Then the Alton School Board will vote with numbers. K. Oblenes will then immediately deliver them to the Budget Committee for the public hearing and for voting by the Budget Committee.

S. Miller stated prior to that there has to be a Finance Committee meeting in order to get the budget moved to the School Board and the meeting has not been scheduled yet. There was a meeting scheduled for today, Thursday January 9, 2014, but no members from Barnstead were present.

The next Budget Committee meeting will be held on January 14, 2014 at 7:00pm.

A Budget Committee meeting will be held on January 21, 2014 at 7:30pm at the ACS immediately following the School Board Bond meeting for the PMHS roof bond.

VII. Public Input II

None
Public Input II closed

VIII. Old Business

E. Dominick made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 7, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Messier and passed 4-0-1 (S. Miller abstaining).

IX. Other Business

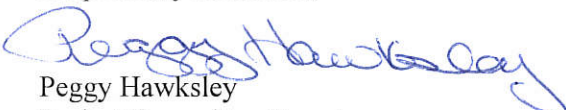
None

X. Adjourn

E. Dominick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by R. Messier and passed with all in favor.

Adjourned 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary
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