

**TOWN OF ALTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE
January 13, 2011
Approved March 10, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Miller, Chair
Marc DeCoff, Vice – Chair
Virgil MacDonald, Member
Barbara Howard, Member
Doug Kirkpatrick, Member
Pat Fuller, Selectmen’s Representative
Jeffrey St. Cyr, School Board Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ Bailey, Town Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Steve Miller, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

An oral roll was taken and all were in attendance.

S. Miller stated that during public input on the review of the operating budget and the warrant articles, he will ask for input and informed any public to please come to the front, speak into the microphone and give your name. Also, if anyone is a town official or department head to indicate this as well.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

P. Fuller stated the Town would request that before the public hearing is open the Selectmen have two items to add to the operating budget.

P. Fuller also requested that at the end of the meeting, before adjournment, to have a non-public session. S. Miller suggested after public input closed and before the calendar.

MOTION by M. DeCoff to accept the agenda as amended. Second by V.

MacDonald. No discussion.

MOTION passed.

S. Miller noted to table the approving the January 5, 2011 meeting, and January 6, 2011 minutes to the January 17, 2011.

P. Fuller two items from the Selectmen.

1. Assessing – Tom has requested that the recent uniform standards of appraisal practice and the more strict guidelines that the Department of Revenue are adhering to is now

becoming very time consuming in updating the values of the town. He will no longer have enough time to conduct another town-wide analysis update as well as all other aspects of the Assessing Department, so he is requesting, and the Board of Selectmen have approved \$20,000 to be added to his budget. Line 184 Contracted Services.

R. Bailey stated the assessing office would hire a subcontractor that would work with him on the analysis of the town. They would be taking the entire database of the town, look at all the neighborhoods, and revamp them to meet the new requirements and the stricter codes regulations that are coming out of the State DRA.

B. Howard asked when these new codes are effective?

R. Bailey stated basically there is a new way of looking at things, there is a new director in charge.

P. Fuller stated Tom has estimated a price of \$40,000 - \$100,000 to do this. So this year he is asking for \$20,000 to get started.

B. Howard asked again, when did the DRA come out with all this information, and stated they just met with the Assessing Department within the last two months and now all of sudden this is on us.

R. Bailey stated they met with Tom probably within the last month and they were supposed to meet with him but they have not come yet.

B. Howard asked if this \$20,000 were approved when would that new assessment value be in place for the tax payers.

R. Bailey stated Tom's goal would be to have it by 2012.

B. Howard asked about computer system purchased for assessing.

R. Bailey added they bought Vision Assessing about 5 years ago. In order upgrade this data it has to be based on markets, neighborhoods, etc.

B. Howard asked if this is State mandated.

R. Bailey informed it is not at this point.

Discussion that this is not State mandated and if this should be done.

R. Bailey stated this is just a case of the State tightening up and making sure all the towns are consistent in their process.

B. Howard noted you will never get consistency until it is mandated State wide.

M. DeCoff asked if this is the only year they will be asking for this money?

R. Bailey stated it will be two years, \$10,000 - \$20,000 for next year depending on when they put it out to bid. If approved, it will go out to bid and they wouldn't actually start until June because of the bidding time after town meeting. This still has to go out to bid. They have already received several quotes with a high around \$40,000. Between the two years it will be around \$40,000 based on one of the quotes they already have. It may even come in for less.

MOTION by V. MacDonald to add the \$20,000 to line 184 in the Assessor Department making it \$40,379.00. Second by P. Fuller. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, P. Fuller

Opposed: M. DeCoff, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick

MOTION passed 4-3.

MOTION by S. Miller to increase the bottom line of the budget from \$146,967 to \$166,967 for Assessing – the 4193 account. Second by V. MacDonald. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, P. Fuller

Opposed: M. DeCoff, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick

MOTION passed 4-3.

2. Police Department – line item 25, wages, private duty (a wash item). Traffic Circle to raise to a total of \$48,000. Going from \$19,840 to \$48,000 (a wash item but has to still be budgeted) increasing the line item by \$28,520. Raised fee \$48 officer, cruiser \$18. Based on what was being paid in other communities and the town get 21% administrative on top of that. For traffic circle project, power company, etc.

D. Kirkpatrick asked why isn't the state going to be providing coverage?

Chief Ryan Heath to answer question – when you get into a State Road it is up to the contractor's discretion. In a public meeting the contractor wanted to stay with local so that the local funds go back to the local community that they are disturbing. Other communities may help with that project.

Hourly rate is going from \$40 to \$48. Why not make it more. Trying to be realistic for the contractor itself. Currently in the mid-range.

MOTION by V. MacDonald to approve the increase for line 25 on Private Duty Wages to \$48,000 (going from \$19,840 and increasing \$28,520). Second by M.

DeCoff. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D.

Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

MOTION passed 7-0.

MOTION by S. Miller to increase the bottom line of the Police Department 4210, from \$1,058,138 to \$1,098,138. Second by P. Fuller. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

MOTION passed 7-0.

MOTION by S. Miller to increase the bottom line budget number from \$6,170,657 to \$6,219,195. Second by P. Fuller. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

Opposed: B. Howard

MOTION passed 6-1.

S. Miller noted this is an increase of 3.51% over the prior 2010 budget.

V. MacDonald noted there is a discrepancy in the Police Budget numbers voted on. Discussion on correction.

MOTION by V. MacDonald to change the Police Budget Line #4210, from \$1,031,383 to \$1,059,543. Second by M. DeCoff. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

MOTION passed 7-0.

MOTION by V. MacDonald to change the bottom line budget number to \$6,218,835. Second by D. Kirkpatrick. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

Opposed: B. Howard

MOTION passed 6-1.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none seen or heard.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

S. Miller informed that he called DRA asking regarding merit raises, colas, and or steps being part of the default budget and they are not allowed to answer that question on the default budget and they directed him to call Mr. Sessler and will have an opinion on the 17th. He also asked the local government center attorney and there is no precedent and his opinion was that merit raises, colas, and step raises are not necessarily part of the default budget, reason being is that if they were then you could not write-off the person essentially.

Open Public hearing

P. Fuller would like to thank the Budget Committee for the treatment you have shown her and town of Alton and its operating budget this year. She feels it is the first time the Selectmen and the Budget Committee have agreed on a budget right down to the last penny. Also, thank you for understanding that they need to have some money to start putting back into the buildings and infrastructure.

Changed policy manual to make changes. Policy manual contract with employees. Step program is a 10 year program. Only hourly employees get merit raises and they have to work for them and they are not guaranteed.

S Miller thanked in return for cooperation, etc.

S. Miller noted that the Town surplus close to the 50% max. This means that the Selectmen have managed the town well, coming under budget to almost maximize the surplus. These issues are commendable.

Direct public to Operating Budget using the copy delivered to the Budget Committee.

S. Miller noted the Budget Committee has, in many instances, in different departments, made individual cuts or recommendations that the individual budget lines have been reduced and the final budget that has been returned to them is the Board of Selectmen agreeing 100% with the Budget Committee's numbers. As he is reading this line by line it is the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommending one in the same.

Review of operating budget

	Recommended	Increase
4130 General Government	\$ 338,138	1.63%
4131 Budget Committee	2,548	0.04
4132 Town Clerk	87,149	(3.92)
4133 Tax Collector	66,664	0.57
4140 Election and Registration	11,179	(3.25)
4145 Computer & Telephone	81,843	0.00 (new line)
4153 Legal	138,255	64.53
4155 Benefits	\$1,113,353	(1.80)
4191 Planning Department	110,307	(11.50)
4192 Code Official/Building Insp.	75,098	(6.75)
4193 Assessing	164,367	(6.63)
4194 Parks & Rec.	206,527	2.44
4193 Cemetery	191,656	4.60
4196 Insurance	171,571	0.98
4199 Public Channel	11,760	0.00
4210 Police	\$1,059,543	3.70
4220 Fire	316,487	0.04
4290 Emergency Management	3,528	0.00
4312 Highway Dept	\$1,016,848	2.48
4316 Street Lights	29,516	0.00

4324	Solid Waster Operations	452,034	(3.07)
4326	HHW Program	21,433	0.00
4331	Water Dept	312,943	6.19
4414	Animal Control	13,178	(10.39)
4442	Welfare Dept	64,334	(3.42)
4520	Recreation	80,706	(0.18)
4550	Library	122,310	1.51
4575	Gilman Museum	11,600	0.41
4583	Patriotic Purposes	22,000	0.00
4612	Conservation Commission	11,959	5.63
4723	Interest Short Term (keep line open)		

The operating budget recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen for the town – \$6,218,835 increase of 3.51 percent over previous year 2010 of \$6,008,103.

No public input seen or heard.

Default budget for town \$ 6,150,760 less than operating budget.

Warrant articles 2011

DRA approved the word

Money Articles start on page 3 with Article 10

Numbers will change and will have this confirmed on the 17th.

S. Miller asked if there are any changes in the wording in the articles from when they were last discussed?

R. Bailey stated they added new and surplus on Number 11, 12, 26.

Number 22 – added purchase and equipment.

No amount changes.

Article 41 the word “and” was supposed to be removed.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Capital reserve as previously established. The work would include the sidewalk in front of the Town Hall. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Police Department Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. This sum (\$50,000.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose Town Hall Building Improvements to the town hall and to raise and appropriate Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be placed into the fund. This sum (\$45,000.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. Also to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Hall Building Improvement Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve for the Transfer Station which also includes the EP A storm water management implementation requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to be added to the Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. The purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund is to fund maintenance equipment for the grounds, and parks and sidewalks snow removal. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of improving the West Side Restrooms by making handicap accessible to current ADA standards and by siding the exterior.

[Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to Senior Center Pearson Road Capital Reserve Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 20 is a sweep article and the sweep article number, until it is changed will be \$6,218,835.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$129,979.00) and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$129,979.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of funding the ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies & equipment, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a command/utility vehicle for the Fire Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Alton Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars \$1750 for the purpose of increasing the firemen retirement and to amend the retirement policy for the fire department personnel by

increasing the amount of base annual retirement pay by Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each individual rank and the annual COLA would be applied to the base on an annual basis. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0-1). (A majority vote is required)]

MOTION by D. Kirkpatrick to accept Article 24 as written. Second by V. MacDonald. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller

Abstention: M. DeCoff

MOTION passed 6-0-1.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. This sum (\$50,000) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a ventilation system in the highway building which is needed to properly vent the fumes due to the vehicles and painting that create a health and safety problem. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$193,735.13 is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$8,996.00) for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility,

transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$8,974.00) for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00) for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,314.00) for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provides disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities and housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$454.00) for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare

Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operates a shelter and provides counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

S. Miller noted on Article 36 the Budget Committee asked him to do some research concerning Genesis to see if there was any information out there and Genesis is in approximately 36 states, a national company. There are always odd lawsuits going on. He found nothing news-worthy or significant to show that this company is anything but an honest, well-run corporation.

D. Kirkpatrick noted his research showed Genesis Healthcare which is nursing homes and this is different from this Genesis Program.

MOTION by S. Miller to bring Article 36 up for a vote. Second by D. Kirkpatrick. No discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

MOTION passed 7-0.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$7,826.00) for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (3-3)] (A majority vote is required)

MOTION by V. MacDonald to accept Article 36 as read. Second by D. Kirkpatrick. No Discussion.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

MOTION passed 7-0.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing

assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

B. Howard noted that the word "handicapped" is a now outdated phrase. The word "disabled" should be used.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purpose of supporting Child and Family Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Public input

Judy Frye

Reference to Article 39. She has had several high school students who came and helped at the Railroad Park, come after school, they provided snacks. They worked for about 1.5 hours. Went on for about 4 years. They do community service. They need some extra TLC. Most at one time 6 students. Usually about 3-4 (transportation was difficult at times). A member of Alton Center School came and stayed during the time the students were there.

R. Bailey informed the total amount for the record of Warrant Articles is \$1,392,293 not counting the sweep article. Compared to last year \$1,236,608.

Grand Total of \$7,611,128 Operating Budget and Warrant Articles.

Closed public hearing.

Meeting

MOTION by V. MacDonald. to close the meeting to the public per RSA 91:A2e in reference to a legal issue. Second by P. Fuller.

In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

MOTION passed 7-0.

Public Session Open.

Calendar

January 17th at 6 p.m. – town items, school contract, school items

Feb 5th 1 p.m. Deliberative Session. At PMHS.

MOTION by P. Fuller to adjourn. M. DeCoff. No discussion.

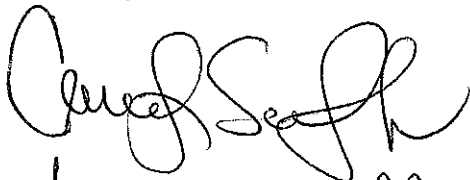
In Favor: J. St. Cyr, M. DeCoff, S. Miller, V. MacDonald, B. Howard, D. Kirkpatrick, P. Fuller.

MOTION passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Schaeffner

Recording Secretary



Approved March 10, 2011

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MOTION