

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
January 21, 2014
Minutes
Approved February 6, 2014

I. Call to Order 7:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Andy McLeod, Chairman
Ruth Messier, Member
Loring Carr, Selectmen's Representative
Krista Arigiropolis, School Board Representative
John Markland, Member
Lawrence Tilly, Vice Chairman

Elizabeth Dominick, Member Excused Absence

IV. Approval of Agenda

K. Arigiropolis motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly and passed with all in favor.

V. Public Input I

None
Public Input I closed

VI. New Business

A. PMHS Roof Warrant Article

Article III – PMHS Metal Roof System

K. Arigiropolis motioned to approve as presented for the repair of PMHS roof. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly.

Discussion

L. Tilly stated the handout only shows costs totaling \$400,000.00 - \$500,000.00 and he would like clarification on the costs. K. Arigiropolis informed the Committee that they weren't provided with the exact breakdown. There was a discussion on the costs.

L. Carr stated he was concerned as S. Miller stated previously that the nails were not long enough when the roof was originally put in. L. Carr went over to the SAU and asked about the details on the architect's package and that Mr. Lamonte, the maintenance man, provided him with information on the roof. L. Carr stated he looked at the roof and you could see dimples where the nails did not go through. A. McLeod stated it is every other row. L. Carr asked if the architect was going to take any responsibility. K. Arigiropolis responded no. K. Arigiropolis described how the nails should have been installed into the roof and that the correct nails were not used. The Finance Committee, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the JMA Committee have all looked at it.

L. Carr continued that while looking at the roof, Mr. Lamonte told him that there were problems with the windows due to the voters putting in cheap windows and L. Carr asked those in attendance if anyone had information regarding the windows. No one in attendance had been given any information regarding the windows.

A. McLeod asked what would happen if the warrant article does not go through. K. Argiropolis responded that there is some money and we would be able to make some band aid repairs.

There was a discussion on the length of the bond and costs associated with it.

J. Markland stated he would have like some type of presentation and how it breaks down. It is difficult to make a one million dollar decision on handouts received 20 minutes prior to the meeting. K. Argiropolis stated that S. Miller presented it to the Budget Committee previously and there are minutes, and video, etc. and that he is looking at the least impact to the taxpayer.

There was continued discussion by the Committee.

K. Argiropolis was able to locate the cost information breakdown on the website and provided the Committee with a summary.

The Alton Budget Committee votes 4-2 in favor (L. Carr and J. Markland against) for Article III.

Public Hearing Open

None

L. Tilly motioned to close the Public Hearing and the motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis with all in favor.

Public Hearing Closed

R. Messier would like information on the salary for the School Clerk. K. Argiropolis stated this has been an open position. There was a slight increase to the position and they were able to hire somebody. K. Oblenes gave a history on the position and an explanation of the increase.

R. Messier asked about a \$1,000.00 Rental for Social Sciences. K. Oblenes stated that it is not in the proposed budget and that it has been cut.

A. McLeod motioned for line 53400, New Technology, to cut the line by \$25,000.00 for the Domain Renaming. The motion was seconded by L. Carr.

Discussion

The Alton Budget Committee votes 5-2 in favor (J. Markland and K. Argiropolis against).

K. Argiropolis stated that the School Board had matched the Budget Committee's recommendation and it now does match.

L. Carr stated Building Maintenance, Repairs and Maintenance actual are \$44,000.00. The difference between the proposed is \$19,000.00. K. Argiropolis explained that it is for the wiring. K. Oblenes provided the Committee with an update on some examples of the repairs and maintenance that needs to be completed.

K. Oblenes provided the Committee with a new final bottom line of \$13,425,029.00. The Budget Committee previously approved \$113,450,029.00 and with the cut of \$25,000.00 for the Domain Renaming, the new bottom line total is \$13,425,029.00

**L. Carr motioned to accept the new bottom line of \$13,425,029.00. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.
The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

K. Oblenes will revise the MS 27 and will drop it off at town hall for signatures. A majority is required with 4 signatures needed.

VII. **Public Input II**
None
Public Input II closed

VIII. **Old Business**

R. Messier motioned to postpone the approval of the minutes of January 9, 2014 and January 14, 2014 until February 1, 2014. The motion passed with all in favor.

IX. **Other Business**

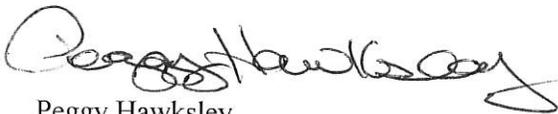
None

X. **Adjourn**

R. Messier motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis and passed with all in favor.

Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary

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