

Town of Alton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
March 25, 2013  
Minutes  
Approved April 18, 2013

**Call to Order 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

John Markland

Robert Daniels, Selectmen's Representative

Lawrence Tilly

Andy McLeod

Krista Argiropolis, School Board Representative

Ruth Messier

**Public Input**

None

Public Input Closed

**Approval of Agenda**

K. Argiropolis motioned to add the following items to the agenda,

1. The posting of the open Budget Committee position.
2. The recycling of last year's budget books

The motion was seconded by L. Tilly.

**Discussion**

A. McLeod motioned that the open position be posted for 10 business days and that Town Hall will collect the applications and a meeting will be scheduled to listen to the people interested. A vote will then be taken by the Committee and was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**Discussion**

It was recommended by R. Messier that the Chairman not make any motions and that the Chairman only entertain motions. There could be instances where a tie vote would need to be broken by the Chairman.

J. Markland suggested checking to see if there were any write in votes and to see if any of the write in votes would still be interested. A. McLeod stated he has spoken to Town Administrator R. Bailey and Mr. Bailey stated that we are under no obligation and there may be a legal point associated with it. K. Argiropolis stated that the Local Government Center has an article on the consideration of write-in votes vs. posting and their recommendation is that it be posted.

A. McLeod motioned to post for the open Committee position and hear the new positions once they have been vetted by Town Hall and was seconded by L. Tilly, with all in favor.

A. McLeod will E-mail former Budget Committee members with regards to the recycling of budget books and ask them to return their books.

There was a discussion on how the Committee would like to receive budget information.

#### New Business

Nominate and elect Committee positions.

J. Markland motioned to nominate R. Messier as Chairman. R. Messier respectfully declined. L. Tilly asked R. Messier if she would consider the vice chair position and R. Messier again politely declined.

L. Tilly recommended A. McLeod as chairman and was seconded by R. Daniels. A. McLeod accepted the motion with all in favor.

R. Messier nominated J. Markland as Vice Chairman and Mr. Markland respectfully declined. K. Argiropolis nominated L. Tilly as Vice Chairman and was seconded by A. McLeod. L. Tilly accepted the nomination and was approved with JM, AM, RM, KA voting in favor and with RD and LT abstaining.

#### JMA Budget Committee

Three people from the Budget Committee need to be appointed to the JMA Budget Committee Advisory Board. K. Argiropolis recommend that this be placed on hold until the open Budget Committee seat is filled.

K. Argiropolis motioned to table the appointment of the three Committee Members until the seventh Committee member is appointed and was seconded by L. Tilley, with all in favor.

J. Markland asked if both Alton school districts should be represented. K. Argiropolis explained that SAU 301 which is assigned to Prospected Mountain is not really an SAU. Prospect Mountain is a budget line item in the Alton budget so technically we have one school district and a maintenance agreement under that school district with Barnstead.

#### Meeting Scheduling

There was a discussion on how often the Committee will meet and the request of ensuring all documentation is received prior to budget review.

The discussion on how often to meet was tabled until R. Bailey could be consulted and the new Budget Committee member is hired. The Committee members will review their schedules to determine which night(s) will best serve the Committee.

A. McLeod informed everyone on the Committee that training sessions are available and a list can be found on the local Government web site.

J. Markland stated he feels strongly about and would like to see what the Committee feels about meeting with the various Town Department Heads. There was a discussion regarding the various concerns. Research will be done on the rules and R. Daniels will take it back to the Selectmen to see what their thoughts are.

Public Input II  
None  
Public Input II Closed

The Budget Committee contact list will be updated and distributed.

Old Business

The meeting minutes of 1/31/2013 will be left as a draft.

K. Argiropolis motioned to adjourn and was seconded by A. McLeod with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary

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