

Town of Alton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
April 13, 2017  
Minutes  
Approved May 10, 2017

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roger Nelson, Chairman

Andrew Levasseur, Member

Greg Fuller, Vice Chairman

Ruben Wentworth, Selectmen's Representative

David Hershey, Member

Michael Ball, School Department Representative

Terrence O'Rourke, Member

4. Reorganization of Board

**G. Fuller nominated Roger Nelson as Chairman and was seconded by M. Ball with all in favor.**

**R. Nelson nominated G. Fuller as Vice Chairman and was seconded by T. O'Rourke with all in favor.**

5. Approval of Agenda

**All in favor**

6. Public Input

7. Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2017

**R. Nelson motioned to accept the meeting minutes of February 8, 2017 as presented and was seconded by G. Fuller. The vote was 5-0-2 with T. O'Rourke and R. Wentworth abstaining.**

8. Old Business

A. Review of Town Budgets and Expenditures YTD

There was no discussion at this time.

9. New Business

R. Nelson stated he received a note from Mary Jarvis with a request from L. Dionne for each of the Boards, Commissions, Committees, Trustees, etc. to meet with the BOS. The meeting should be about 10-15 minutes per appointment under New Business. R. Wentworth stated it is his understanding that they want to meet to find out what the goals and objectives are of if they have any questions for the BOS. R. Nelson stated he has no objective to meeting with the BOS but we need a reason to be there. He stated he is not sure he wants the BOS to know what the Committee's plans are other than what R. Wentworth takes back to them. G. Fuller asked what brought the request up. R. Wentworth responded he did not know as he just found out about it and did not know about the letter. R. Nelson stated he also received an E-mail.

D. Hershey stated he thought it was just a loose discussion with the BOS on where the Committee wants to see the Town go for the upcoming year.

R. Nelson read the list of available dates.

T. O'Rourke stated he would like the Selectmen to state what their goals and objectives are.  
R. Nelson stated he would respond to Mary Jarvis asking what the BOS would like to discuss and ask what their plans are.

D. Hershey stated he met with the Selectmen relative to the Welfare issue and he has not received a reply. If they are looking to re-write the statute that is what comes to mind. When was the last time the Town looked at the Master Plan? Do we want to look at that with some type of economic correlation? If the overall thought or plan of the Town is to put together a budget based on the last year's budget, and any differences or shortfalls that become warrant articles maybe that is not the best approach either.

R. Nelson suggested he will ask them 8/21. We will have a meeting in May and early June and try to discuss where we think we want to be. If each one of us to the time and made some notes and brings them to the June meeting and determine the presentation that we want to give and if we need to come back in July.

D. Hershey stated if we present them in August is that enough time for them to actually do something about it or because we are presenting to them in August by default does that become the 2018-2019 agenda.

R. Nelson stated he will get back to Mary Jarvis and will take a date between June 19 and August 21. That will give us additional time to meet.

D. Hershey suggested sending the BOS an E-mail regarding are there items discussed by the BOS already that are targeted for the Budget Committee that we would want to include in our presentation.

There was a discussion regarding welfare and insurance.

R. Nelson asked if the Committee had any goals and objectives that they would like to see put forth and discussed during the next couple of meetings.

R. Nelson will request a copy of RSA 32 and RSA 40 for all of the Committee members.

R. Wentworth noted there will be a work session for the Ambulance Policy, the RTA and the Right to Know with Attorney Sessler stated there will be a right to know meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> with Attorney Sessler for anyone wanting to attend.

There was a discussion on the collection of funds and expenditures for ambulance services.

10. Public Input

None

Public Input Closed

11. Other Business

The next meeting will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:30 pm, Town Hall Meeting Room

D. Hershey suggested that the Town purchase a 3 minute timer to be used during Public Input. R. Wentworth stated he will bring it to the Selectmen.

R. Nelson informed the Committee that we will be the Chair for the JMA Joint Budget Committee and we will need 2 additional members. G. Fuller and D. Hershey volunteered to be the additional members.

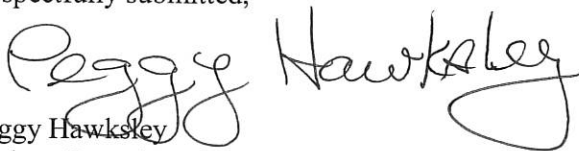
R. Nelson encouraged the committee that when the budget books are received to look through them and to know what you are voting on.

The Committee discussed various past budget items.

12. R. Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by G. Fuller with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Hawksley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary  
Approved May 10, 2017