

Town of Alton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
July 15, 2015  
Minutes  
Approved August 19, 2015

**I. Call to Order 6:30pm**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Andy McLeod, Chairman  
Roger Nelson, Vice Chairman  
Terence O'Rourke, Member  
Steve Miller, School Board Representative  
Lou LaCourse, Selectmen's Representative – Excused Absence

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**R. Nelson motioned to accept the agenda as presented.**

S. Miller requested to add “and appoint” under New Business, Item A.

**A. McLeod motioned to accept the agenda as amended and was seconded by T. O'Rourke with all in favor.**

**V. Public Input I**

None  
Public Input I closed

**VI. New Business**

**A. Interview Potential Budget Committee Members**

The three candidates for the two open Budget Committee positions are Marc DeCoff, David Hershey and Greg Fuller

Marc DeCoff was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment and S. Miller spoke on his behalf and stated M. DeCoff has a number of years as a member of the Budget Committee including two years as Chairman. He served one three year term as a Selectman. Mr. Miller believes he is qualified for the Budget Committee if he is voted in.

Candidate David Hershey, a new member of the Alton Community, was also unable to attend the meeting. A. McLeod read into the record a letter from Mr. Hershey expressing his interest in joining the Budget Committee and reviewed his resume.

Greg Fuller was in attendance and addressed the Budget Committee expressing his interest in joining the Budget Committee. Mr. Fuller stated he spent about 20 years previously on the Budget Committee and he was Chairman, Vice Chairman and secretary during this time. Mr. Fuller stated that he wants to get involved.

**S. miller motioned to accept G. Fuller for one of the two vacant positions on the Committee for a one year term and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

The Committee voted 3-1 with R. Nelson voting against.

Discussion

R. Nelson motioned to speak with all three candidates before we make a decision.

S. Miller objected and does not see a reason to hold off on choosing a candidate. He stated it was posted and all were aware that it was an important date.

Roger stated that it was in the minutes of the last meeting that it would be advertised at the beginning of August.

There was continued discussion.

**A. McLeod motioned to rescind the vote to accept G. Fuller and was seconded by R. Nelson. The Budget Committee voted 3 in favor with no vote heard from S. Miller.**

A meeting will be held on August 19, 2015 to interview the remaining candidates. An ad will be placed in the August 4<sup>th</sup> Baysider.

**B. Discussion of Non-Profit Sub-Committee Findings**

The Non-Profit Subcommittee met and A. McLeod attended as a representative of the Budget Committee. There was a review of all of the non-profit requests over the past four years. Historically the Town approves \$52,000.00 to \$57,000.00 a year for non-profit organizations. It was determined that the public likes giving to non-profits.

Instead of having 11 or 12 warrant articles, one for each non-profit, they will be put into one warrant article and list them individually in the warrant article. The warrant article can be adjusted at the Deliberative Session. The authority over that Warrant Article will be given to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee would review and approve warrant article entry for the non-profits. The Selectmen would concede to the Budget Committee.

Discussion

**A. McLeod motioned, should the Budget Committee take over control of vetting non-profit organizations for warrant articles and was seconded by R. Nelson**

There was continued discussion and A. McLeod will check to see if the Budget Committee has the authority by RSA.

**The motion passed with all in favor.**

**A. McLeod motioned that in the future the non-profit warrant articles will be congealed down to a single warrant article with editing authority at Deliberative Session like any other warrant article and was seconded by R. Nelson and passed 3-1 with S. Miller opposed.**

There was a continued discussion on the non-profit agencies.

**VII. Public Input II**

None  
Public Input II closed

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Meeting Minutes Review of April 15, 2015**

**R. Nelson motioned to accept the minutes of April 15, 2015 as presented and was seconded by S. Miller with all in favor.**

There was a brief review of the School Administrative Revenue Report. S. Miller stated that the end of year report will be available by the second week in August. S. Miller will provide the end of year Revenue Reports and the current construction fiscal report at the next scheduled meeting on August 19, 2015.

**X. Other Business**

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**X. Adjourn**

**R. Nelson motioned to adjourn and was seconded by T. O'Rourke and passed with all in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary  
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