

Town of Alton  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
Budget Committee Meeting  
September 18, 2014  
Minutes

Approved October 23, 2014

**I. Call to Order 6:15 pm**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Andy McLeod, Chairman  
Terence O'Rourke, Member  
Ruth Messier, Member  
Lou Lacourse, Selectmen's Representative  
Roger Nelson, Member  
John Markland, Member  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Steve Miller, School Board Representative, Excused Absence

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

R. Messier requested to add School under Other Business for discussion.

J. Markland requested to add the JMA Budget Committee Members and Budget Committee Vice Chairman to the agenda under Old Business.

**All were in favor of the agenda as amended by consensus.**

**V. Public Input I**

None  
Public Input I closed

**VI. New Business**

**A.** Prior to the start of the meeting Terence O'Rourke was sworn in as a Budget Committee member by Selectman Lou Lacourse. The Committee welcomed Mr. O'Rourke as a new member.

**B.** Review of Expenditure Reports for Town

The Committee reviewed, asked questions and discussed the Town expenditure reports.

There was no representative present from the School Board; as a result the school expenditure reports were not reviewed.

**VII. Public Input II**

None  
Public Input II closed.

**VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Correct the spelling of "Terrance O'Rourke" to "Terence O'Rourke". J. Markland motioned to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014 as amended and was seconded by R. Nelson with all in favor of the motion.**

**IX. Old Business**

A. McLeod read into the record the responses to questions that were previously submitted to the School Board by the Committee and a copy of which is included in the minutes of August 21, 2014. The Committee discussed the responses and agreed to re-submit the questions to the School Board for a more detailed explanation.

R. Messier asked about an article that was in the Baysider regarding a School Board Meeting in which the Budget Committee was discussed. The Committee discussed possible reasons for what may have been discussed. A. McLeod will research further.

**X. Other Business**

**J. Markland motioned to have R. Messier, A. McLeod and T. O'Rourke represent the Budget Committee on the JMA Budget Committee and was seconded by R. Nelson with all in favor of the motion.**

**R. Messier motioned to nominate J. Markland as Vice Chairman and was seconded by A. McLeod. J. Markland declined the nomination.**

**R. Messier motioned to nominate R. Nelson as Vice Chairman and was seconded by J. Markland and passed with a vote 5-0-1, with R. Nelson abstaining.**

**XI. Adjourn**

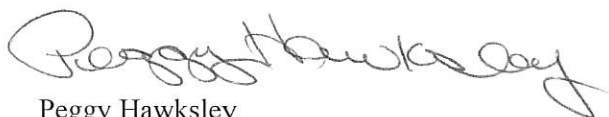
Adjournment

**R. Messier motioned to adjourn and was seconded by R. Nelson with all in favor of the motion.**

The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The Committee will invite the School Superintendent and the School Business Manager to the next meeting to clarify any outstanding questions.

**Adjourned 7:15pm**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary

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