

Budget Committee
APPROVED Minutes (10/17/2019)
October 9, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
Alton Town Hall
1 Monument Square
Alton, NH 03809

1. Call to order at 6:30 pm

2. Roll Call

Pat O'Brien, Chairman
Kristi Hikel, School Board Representative
David Hershey, Member
Roger Nelson, Member
Bob Holt, Member
Paul LaRochelle, Selectmen Representative

Absent - Beth Varney, Member and Reuben Wentworth Selectmen Representative.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by D. Hershey to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by K. Hikel. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor. (6-0)

4. New Business

- a. Plan October meeting dates - 6:30 meeting time.
Need to finish up department reviews and to be ready for the public meeting the 2nd week in Jan. Budget Committee meetings scheduled for Thursdays, beginning 10/17, 10/24, 10/30, 11/6, 11/14, 11/21.
- b. Review current year Budget - Copies distributed to Committee.
- c. Format of meetings with Dept. Heads. Ask Department Heads for a list a week in advance with major changes and/or points and be prepared night of scheduled presentation be prepared for line by line discussion (ie for the 17th meeting by 11th of October.
- d. Justification Forms in book.
- e. JMA Budget committee. R. Nelson to sit on this committee. K. Hikel will get R. Nelson the name of the Barnstead representative. School reviewing budget on the 17th.
- f. R. Nelson to come up with 5 year averages.

5. Old Business

- a. Department/Committee updates.
 1. Solid Waste taking a financial hit (ie. aluminum cans getting about 1/2 amount of money for turn-in). R. Nelson feels we may need to look at this department differently.
 2. CIP met and decided not to change the threshold this year. Will be meeting earlier next year to discuss this issue.
 3. Highway Dept reported by B. Holt, mostly level funded. Krist reported on PMHS - building coming upon 15 years old and Long range planning is now being worked on.
- b. Budget conference.
- c. Discussion of non-profits (Warrant Articles) and what vetting they get ahead of time. General discussion of non-profits.

6. Approval of Minutes

September 4, 2019. Page 2, Paragraph 6, Strike last sentence. Page 1, 4. New Business, Paragraph 8, Add (2.5% Merit Cost, \$138,000)
Motion by P. O'Brien to approve the minutes as amended. Second by K. Hikel. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor. (6-0).

7. **Public Input** None seen or heard. Public Input closed.

8. **Other Business** None.

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION by K. Hikel to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor. (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Schaeffner, Recording Secretary