

Town of Alton
Town Hall Meeting Room
Budget Committee Meeting
November 5, 2014
Minutes

Approved November 12, 2014

I. Call to Order 6:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Andy McLeod, Chairman
Ruth Messier, Member
Steve Miller, School Board Representative
John Markland, Member
Terence O'Rourke, Member
Lou Lacourse, Selectmen's Representative
Roger Nelson, Vice Chairman

Other Attendees:

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator
Holly Brown, Director Gilman Library
Ken Roberts, Highway Department

IV. Approval of Agenda

(The approval of the Agenda was completed after the presentation of the Gilman Library budget.)

J. Markland motioned to approve the Agenda as presented and was seconded by R. Nelson.

J. Markland requested to add Approval of Minutes under Old Business.

J. Markland motioned to approve the Agenda as amended and was seconded by R. Messier with all in favor.

V. Public Input

None
Public Input I closed

VI. New Business

Holly Brown – Gilman Library

H. Brown provided the Committee with an overview of the proposed budget. There is a proposed \$2,017.00 increase over 2014, which totals a 1.5 % increase in the overall budget.

The Committee reviewed, asked questions and discussed the proposed budget.

Approval of Agenda – see above

Ken Roberts – Highway Department

The proposed budget is in line and basically level funded. A majority of the work is done in-house allowing the Highway Department to complete 5.6 miles of road for \$1.3 million. If the work was contracted out it would cost approximately \$1 million per mile.

The Committee reviewed, asked questions and discussed the proposed budget.

Break taken at 8:00pm
Meeting resumed at 8:05pm

R. Bailey - Street Lights

There are currently 153 street lights in the Town of Alton. The goal is to place a street light at every intersection.

The Committee reviewed, asked questions and discussed the proposed budget.

R. Bailey – Computers/Telephones

There is a proposed increase of hours for the Town IT specialist from 24 to 32 hours per week.

The Committee reviewed, asked questions and discussed the proposed budget.

Budget Committee Meeting Schedule Change

The scheduled Budget Committee meeting of November 10th has been cancelled and the items originally scheduled for discussion on this date will be moved to November 12th.

- VII. Public Input II
None
Public Input II closed

VIII. Old Business

- A. Review and approve meeting minutes of October 23, 2014 and October 28, 2014.

R. Messier motioned to approve the meeting minutes of October 23, 2014 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke. The motion passed 6-0-1 in favor, with S. Miller abstaining.

R. Messier motioned to approve the meeting minutes of October 28, 2014 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke and passed with all in favor.

The Committee raised and discussed several questions regarding various Police Department budget line items.

IX. Other Business

The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

X. Adjourn

R. Messier made a motion adjourn and was seconded by S. Miller and was approved with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary

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