

Until Further Notice: To keep our members and staff safe, and to comply with RSA 91-A, the State of Emergency, and Governor's Orders, restrictions on public gatherings, The Town of Alton has moved from "in-person" meetings to "remote audio participation meetings". To remotely attend the meeting (audio only) visit our website: [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) on the day of the meeting for instructions or telephone the Selectmen's Office 603-875-2113 or 603-875-0229. There continues to be no Public Input at this time.

**Budget Committee**  
**APPROVED Meeting Minutes (Approved 11/12/2020)**  
**November 5, 2020 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Alton Town Hall**  
**Heidke Room, 1 Monument Square**  
**Alton, NH 03809**

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Call to order - At 6:08 by Vice Chairman Hershey and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

David Hershey, Vice Chairman  
Brock Mitchell, Member  
Reuben Parker, Member  
Peter Leavitt, School Board Representative  
Reuben Wentworth, Selectmen Representative

Others Present:

Liz Dione, Town Administrator

Approval of Agenda

**MOTION** by R. Wentworth to accept the Agenda as presented. Second by P. Leavitt. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

New Business

1. Budget Presentations/Approvals

- a. Planning Department (4191) Jessica Call  
Salary Line and Office supplies (PPE) both up. Contracted services one for 20-21.  
**MOTION** by R. Wentworth to approve the presented budget for the Planning Department of \$118,131. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).
- b. Parks and Recreation Department (4520) Kellie Troendle  
Wages up, Old Home Week Committee added to budget (was a warrant article), 1251 removed from budget.  
**MOTION** by R. Wentworth to approve the presented budget for the Parks and Recreation Department of \$124,077. Second by B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).
- c. Grounds and Maintenance Department (4194) Kellie Troendle  
Added new employee, Selectmen took out extra employee due to other departments also adding employees and departments help each other out with employees when needed. Full time, Line 011 \$25,400 due to Covid increase 4129. Reduction of Part Time line, moved to Full time.  
**MOTION** by R. Wentworth to approve the presented budget for the Grounds and Maintenance Department of \$261,134. Second by B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).
- d. Cemetery Department (4195) Kellie Troendle  
Up 2.94%. Wages \$1769. Decreased Portable toilet. Discussion. D. Hershey would like to see if our charges are "market rate". R. Wentworth noted the State opened up and you can bury in your own yard. Added he feels our town is fair in charges. Separate

charges, (plot and burial). Perpetual care comes from taxes. K. Troendle stated the Trustees want to provide a fair and affordable place. D. Hershey again questioned pricing. R. Wentworth stated any questions should go to the Selectmen in an official request. L. Dione added our rates are in line with other towns, service to the town and mandated to provide this service.

**MOTION** by P. Leavitt to approve the presented budget for the Cemetery Department of \$69,213. Second by R. Parker. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

Discussion on cemetery.

**MOTION** by R. Wentworth to send an official request to the Selectmen from the Budget Committee regarding analysis cost of burial to the operating cost. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion fails (1-4).

e. Welfare (4442) Liz Dione

Line 015 is up due to Cola. Line 110 down \$500, Line 111 and 112 are level funded, Line 801 Selectmen removed, Line 802 level funded, Line 831 and 832 are up.

**MOTION** by B. Mitchell to approve the presented budget for the Welfare Department of \$57,714. Second by P. Leavitt. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

f. IT Department (4145) Joshua Monaco

**MOTION** by B. Mitchell to approve the presented budget for IT Department of \$159,448. Second by R. Wentworth. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

g. Audio/Visual Meeting Equipment (4199) Joshua Monaco

**MOTION** by P. Leavitt to approve the presented budget for Audio/Visual Meeting Equipment of \$3,500. Second by B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

Old Business None.

Approval of Minutes

- October 29, 2020

**MOTION** by D. Hershey to approve the Minutes of October 29, 2020 as presented. Second by Reuben Wentworth. No discussion. Motion passes 3-0-2. (Brock Mitchell and Peter Leavitt abstain).

Other Business. Next meeting, Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment at 7 pm. **MOTION** by Reuben Wentworth to adjourn at 7 p.m. Second by B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Schaeffner, Recording Secretary