

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
November 14, 2013
Minutes
Approved November 26, 2013

I. Call to Order at 6:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

L. Carr, Selectmen's Representative
Andy McLeod, Chairman
Ruth Messier, Member
Krista Argiropolis, School Board Representative
Lawrence Tilly, Vice Chairman
Elizabeth Dominick, Member

John Markland, Member, excused absence

Other Attendees:

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator
Anne Kroeger, Tax Collector
Lisa Noyes, Town Clerk

IV. Approval of Agenda

K. Argiropolis made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Messier and passed with all in favor.

V. Public Input

None
Public Input I closed

VI. New Business

A. Review of Fire, Tax, Town Clerk and Elections Department for Town Budget

Tax Department 4733 – A. Kroeger

The Committee reviewed line items and asked questions.

Elections 4140 – L. Noyes &

The Committee reviewed line items and asked questions.

Town Clerk 4132 – L. Noyes

L. Noyes informed the committee that they have changed the format for paying and registrations. There is only one check now instead of two and we have added debit and credit cards. The biggest difference is the added part time employee.

The Committee reviewed line items and asked questions.

Fire Department 4220 – Scott Williams, Fire Chief

S. Williams provided the Committee with an overview of 2013.

The Committee reviewed line items and asked questions.

Meeting Recessed at 7:40pm
Meeting Resumed at 7:45pm

R. Bailey provided an overview of the following Town budgets. The Committee reviewed line items and asked questions.

General Government 4130

There were no major changes. Instead of having a full time position it was changed to a part time position. That is why the full time position is showing less and the part time position is showing more and the payroll is actually down overall. Also the Board of Selectmen in trying to reduce the budget reduced the Contingency line.

Budget Committee 4131

This budget was reduced by \$300.00.

Computer/Telephone 4145

R. Bailey gave an overview of the budget and the increase is less than 1%.

Legal 4153

This budget was reduced.

Benefits 4155

The Town saw a 7.9% increase in Health and Dental. There was also an increase in the Retirement.

Insurance 4196

R. Bailey provided an overview of the various Town insurance policies.

Street Lighting 4316

This budget stayed the same.

Household Hazardous Waste 4326

This budget stayed the same.

Welfare 4442

There was a decrease of \$10,000.00.

Gilman Museum 4550

This budget has been reduced. Most of the costs are for the maintenance and utilities.

Patriotic 4583

This budget has been reduced.

Conservation 4612

This budget is level funded.

Short Term Debt 4723

This budget is kept at 1.00

B. Review Expense Reports for Town and School

The review of the Expense Reports for the Town and School was placed on hold and will be reviewed at the November 26, 2013 meeting.

VII. Public Input II
None
Public Input II closed

VIII. Old Business

Approval of Minutes

R. Messier made a motion to accept the minutes of November 6, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

R. Messier noted on the meeting minutes of November 12, 2013 on Page 1 second to the last paragraph add it after into. K. Argiropolis stated the correct spelling for Kathy Oblenes is O'Blenes.

R. Messier made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

L. Carr made a motion to re-open the approval of the minutes of November 6, 2013. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis and passed with all in favor.

R. Messier noted on Page 2, under Old Business, the second paragraph should read Budget Committee Members. On Page 2 in the last paragraph the word discussed should read discussion. On Page 3 under Other Business add the word None.

L. Carr made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by R. Messier and passed with all in favor.

IX. Other Business

R. Messier initiated a discussion regarding the Capital Improvements Plan.

R. Bailey stated that a Town meeting can't change what the State law says.

There was a discussion regarding the CIP.

X. Adjournment

K. Argiropolis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly and passed with all in favor.

Adjourned 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary

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