

Town of Alton
Town Hall Meeting Room
Budget Committee Meeting
December 3, 2014
Minutes
Approved December 16, 2014

I. Call to Order 6:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

Ruth Messier, Member, Excused Absence
Terence O'Rourke, Member, Excused Absence

Other Attendees:

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

IV. Approval of Agenda

R. Nelson motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by L. Lacourse with all in favor.

V. Public Input

None
Public Input I closed

VI. New Business

Presentation of Town Warrant Articles

R. Bailey provided the Committee with a draft of the 2015 proposed Warrant Articles, a 2015 Special Warrant Article worksheet, and a listing of all of the Town capital reserves and their current balances.

The Committee reviewed, discussed and asked questions on the following proposed Warrant Articles:

Article 8
Article 9
Article 10
Article 11
Article 12
Article 13
Article 14

Article 15

Article 17

Article 18

Article 20

Article 21 - R. Bailey will provide the Committee with additional information on this article.

Article 22

Article 24

Article 26

Article 27

Article 27A

Article 28 – R. Bailey will contact the Library of Trustees and provide the Committee with information of the proposed work to be covered by the Warrant Article.

R. Bailey provided the Committee with a copy of the letters received for the non-profits requests for 2015. The Committee will review the non-profit requests.

Article 40, Article 41 and Article 46 are non-money petitions.

R. Bailey asked for confirmation on the Meeting December 9th that the school will be presenting their warrant articles. There was a discussion on when the next meeting will be held to vote on the town budget.

R. Bailey confirmed to the Committee that hourly Town employees pay 4 ½ percent for health insurance and pay more for their deductibles.

J. Markland had a question regarding the holiday pay listing for the Police Department. Everyone is listed for 96 hours of holiday pay and with the exception of one person who listed for 192 hours. R. Bailey will look into it and provide the Committee with an answer.

VII. **Public Input II**

None

Public Input II closed

VIII. **Old Business**

A. Review and approve meeting minutes of November 25, 2014.

J. Markland motioned to accept the meeting minutes of November 25, 2014 as presented and was seconded by R. Nelson with all in favor with the motion.

IX. **Other Business**

The meetings for December 9, 2014 and December 11, 2014 have been cancelled.

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Town Meeting Room to vote on the Town Operating Budget and the Town Warrant Articles.

X. Adjourn

R. Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by J. Markland with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Hawksley".

Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary

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