

Town of Alton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
December 12, 2013  
Minutes  
Approved January 7, 2014

**I. Call to Order 6:35pm**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

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

John Markland, Member, excused absence

Other Attendees:

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**K. Argiropolis made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Carr and was approved with all in favor.**

**V. Public Input I**

None

Public Input I closed

**VI. New Business**

**A. Town Department Budget Voting**

**General Government – 4130**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4130 in the amount of the \$346,049.00. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.

**The Budget Committee votes 5-1-0 in favor with K. Argiropolis voting against.**

**The Budget Committee – 4131**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4131 in the amount of \$2,307.00. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.

**The Budget Committee votes 5-0-1 in favor with R. Messier abstaining.**

**Town Clerk – 4132**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4132 in the amount of \$104,754.00. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Tax Collector - 4133**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4133 in the amount of \$71,205.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Discussion

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Election and Registration – 4140**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4140 in the amount of \$14,402.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Discussion

K. Argiropolis amended the motion to add \$720.00 for a total of \$15,122.00. The amendment was seconded by L. Tilly.

**The Budget Committee votes in favor of the Amendment 5-0-1 in favor with L. Carr abstaining.**

**The Budget Committee votes 5-0-1 in favor of 4140 in the amount of \$15,122.00 with L. Carr abstaining.**

**Computer / Telephone - 4145**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4145 in the amount of \$116,870.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4153 - Legal**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4153 in the amount of \$113,976.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Discussion

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4155 – Benefits**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4155 in the amount of \$1,390,265.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4191 - Planning**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4191 in the amount of \$113,250.00. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly.

Discussion

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4192 - Code Official/Building Inspector**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4192 in the amount of \$83,559.00. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4193 - Assessing**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4193 in the amount of \$130,050.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4194 - Parks and Rec. – Grounds & Maintenance**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4194 in the amount of \$220,128.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4195 - Cemetery**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4195 in the amount of \$56,222.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Discussion

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4196 - Insurance**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4196 in the amount of \$205,472.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Discussion

K. Argiropolis made a motion to amend Line Item 277 to \$140,000.00. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.

**The Budget committee votes 5-0-1 in favor of the amendment with L. Carr abstaining.**

**The Budget Committee votes 5-0-1 in favor of 4196 in the amount of \$234,038.00 with L. Carr abstaining.**

**4199 - Public Channel**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4199 in the amount of \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Discussion

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4210 - Police Department**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4210 in the amount of \$1,160,586.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

Discussion

**The Budget Committee votes 4-2 in favor with R. Messier and K. Argiropolis voting against.**

**4220 - Fire Department**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4220 in the amount of \$439,776.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4290 - Emergency Management**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4290 in the amount of \$3,529.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4312 - Highway Department**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4312 in the amount of \$1,060,852.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4316 - Street Lights**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4316 in the amount of \$28,516.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4324 - Solid Waste Operations**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4324 in the amount of \$451,214.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4326 - HHW Program**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4326 in the amount of \$17,000.00. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4331 - Water Department**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4331 in the amount of \$310,548.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4414 - Animal Control**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4414 in the amount of \$12,882.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4442 - Welfare Department**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4442 in the amount of \$64,365.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4520 - Recreation Department**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4520 in the amount of \$85,092.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4550 - Library**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4550 in the amount of \$134,543.00. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly.

Discussion

K. Argiropolis made a motion to amend the motion for line 17 to reduce \$206.00 to \$23,548.00. The motion was seconded by E. Dominick.

**The Budget Committee approves the amendment 6-0 in favor.**

**4575 - Gilman Museum**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4575 in the amount of \$6,624.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4583 - Patriotic Purposes**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4583 in the amount of \$21,000.00. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4612 - Conservation Commission**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4612 in the amount of \$12,918.00. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**4723 - Interest Short Term**

L. Carr made a motion to accept 4723 in the amount of \$1.00. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

L. Tilly made a motion to amend the bottom line town budget to \$6,812,035.00.

The motion was seconded by L. Carr.

**The Budget Committee votes 4-0-2 in favor with R. Messier and L. Carr abstaining.**

B. Town Warrant Articles

A. McLeod read into the record each of the warrant articles.

**Warrant Article 10**

Discussion

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 10. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 11**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 11. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor**

**Warrant Article 12**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 11. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 13**

K. Argiropolis made a motion to accept Warrant Article 13. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 14**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 14. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 15**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 15. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 16**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 16. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor**

**Warrant Article 17**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 17. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 18**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 18. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 19**

R. Messier made a motion to accept Warrant Article 19. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 20**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 20. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 4-0-2 with L. Carr and R. Messier abstaining.**

**Warrant Article 21**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 21. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 22**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 22. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 23**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 23. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 24**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 24. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 25**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 25. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 26**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 26. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 27**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 27. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 28**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 28. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 29**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 29. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 30**

R. Messier made a motion to accept Warrant Article 30. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 31**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 31. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 32**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 32. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 32 was tabled.**

**Warrant Article 33**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 33. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 34**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 34. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 35**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 35. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

Discussion

The amount shown on the Warrant Article reads \$1,500.00 and the correct amount should read \$1,530.00.

L. Tilly made a motion to accept Warrant Article 35 in the amount of \$1,530.00. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 5-0-1 in favor with L. Carr abstaining.**

**Warrant Article 36**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 36.

The amount shown on the Warrant Article reads \$11,250.00 and the correct amount should read \$12,150.00.

L. Tilly made a motion to accept Warrant Article 36 in the amount of \$12,150.00. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 5-0-1 with L. Carr abstaining.**

**Warrant Article 37**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 37. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 38**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 38. The motion was seconded by K. Argiropolis.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 39**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 39. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 40**

L. Carr made a motion to accept Warrant Article 40. The motion was seconded by R. Messier.

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article 32**

K. Argiropolis made a request to re-visit Warrant Article 32 due to a discrepancy. The Warrant Article reads \$2,000.00 and the amount should read \$4,530.00 for the American Red Cross.



K. Argiropolis made a motion to revisit Warrant Article 32 for re-consideration. The motion was seconded by A. McLeod with all in favor.

K. Argiropolis made a motion to recommend \$4,530.00 for the American Red Cross. The motion was seconded by A. McLeod.

Discussion

K. Argiropolis withdrew her motion.

**E. Dominick made a motion to table Warrant Article 32 at this time. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly and passed with all in favor.**

**VII. Public Input II**

None

Public Input II closed

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Approval of meeting minutes**

For the meeting minutes of December 3, 2013, under Roll Call, change "Cidney" to "Cydney" and add "Krista Argiropolis, School Board Representative, Excused Absence".

**R. Messier made a motion to accept the minutes of December 3, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly. The motion was approved 4-0-2 with L. Carr and K. Argiropolis abstaining.**

**X. Other Business**

A discussion was held on scheduled meeting dates.

R. Messier requested that the hand outs for the public meetings be made available to the public before the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2014.

There was a discussion on holding one public meeting for both the Town and School budgets.

**L. Carr made a motion to keep the meetings separate. The motion was seconded by L. Tilly.**  
Discussion

**The motion was approved with all in favor.**

**X. Adjourn**

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

Adjourned 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary

Approved January 7, 2014