

Budget Committee  
APPROVED Minutes (Approved 1/6/2020)  
December 19, 2019 @ 6:30 PM  
Alton Town Hall  
1 Monument Square  
Alton, NH 03809

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1. Call to order - P. O'Brien, Chairman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

2. Roll Call

Present: Pat O'Brien, Chairman  
David Hershey, Member  
John Markland, Member  
Paul LaRochelle, Selectmen Representative  
Kristi Hikel, School Board Representative

Others Present:

Liz Dione, Town Administrator  
Laura Parker, Town Financial Administrator

Absent: Beth Varney, Member  
Bob Holt, Member

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by D. Hershey to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by K. Hikel. No Discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

4. Old Business

A. Review Department Budget

1. School Department. Present Pam Stiles, Superintendent

New packet - 2 changes. Number for PHMS \$93,805 less that last year. Truck removes \$9,100. 2.7 percent lower than current budget. Provided summary overview of general budget. 1 page highlight of default budget. Included summary sheet on warrant articles and drafts. First year for cafeteria warrant article.

Present Sean Asdot Facilities Director. Discussion of plow truck. Looked into leasing plow truck. No leasing of heavy equipment. Highway Dept purchases trucks from Poulin in Rochester. State bid from Grappone for a F250 for \$25,000, including plow and safety lights \$34,000. Spoke with another school that made same purchase and was told it was a great transaction. \$40,000 retail. Savings using State bid.

MOTION by K. Hikel to accept and approve the 2020-2021 Alton Center School budget of \$15,047,480. Second P. O'Brien. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

General discussion of School Warrant Articles. 8 Articles. Summary sheet provided for review.

MOTION by J. Markland to accept and approve the Warrant Article 3 as presented by the Alton School District. Second by K. Hikel. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

MOTION by J. Markland to accept and approve the Warrant Article 4 as presented by the Alton School District. Second by K. Hikel. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

MOTION by J. Markland to accept and approve the Warrant Article 5 as presented by the Alton School District. Second by P. LaRochelle. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

MOTION by J. Markland to accept and approve the Warrant Article 6 as presented by the Alton School District. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

MOTION by J. Markland to accept and approve the Warrant Article 7 as presented by the Alton Center School Board. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0)

MOTION by J. Markland to accept and approve the Warrant Article 8 as presented by the Alton School District. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0)

MOTION by J. Markland to accept and approve the Warrant Article 9 as presented by the Alton School District. Second by K. Hikel. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0)

5. New Business

A. Review Department Budget

1. Administration Department - Present Liz Dione, Town Administrator  
Brought up again budget had not previously be approved.

MOTION by D. Hershey to accept and approve the budget for Administration Department in the amount of \$366.550. Second by J. Markland. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (5-0).

6. Approval of Minutes

A. December 12, 2019

MOTION by K. Hikel approve the Minutes of December 12, 2019 as presented. Second by D. Hershey. No discussion. Motion passes with 3 in favor. J. Markland and P. LaRoche abstained.

7. Public Input - No seen or heard. Public input closed.

8. Other Business (if necessary)

A. Selectman approved presence of Budget Committee at the January 6 Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6 pm meeting to hear the Town Warrant Articles.

B. Reminder of Budget Committee meeting on Jan 9, 2020 at 6:30.

9. Adjournment - MOTION by D. Hershey to Adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Second by K. Hikel. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor. (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Schaeffner, Recording Secretary