

Town of Epping  
Budget Committee Meeting  
January 2, 2019

Call to Order:

The budget committee meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members followed by a moment of silence for the troops.

Attendance:

Budget Committee Members: Don MacLaren-Chairman, Steve Ozols-Vice Chairman, Jeff Leombruno, Adam Munguia-Town Selectmen Rep, Heather Clark-School Board Rep., Jen Chapman, Marc Nickerson, Jacklyn Ulban, Mike Charkowski, Greg Dodge-Town Administrator and Cynthia Hounam. Joe Perry and Joe Tremblay were not present.

Opening Comments:

Don asked for any question before we start with the town warrant article review.

Town Warrant Articles:

Article \_\_: Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade 1: No change

Article \_\_: Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade 2: No change

Article \_\_: 2019 Operation Budget: No change

Article \_\_: Transfer Station Truck Lease: No change

Article \_\_: Highway Truck Lease: No change

Article \_\_: Highway Truck Purchase: No change

- Marc asked if they were still planning on keeping (2) trucks in the warrant article. Greg said they will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss so as of right now there is no change.

Article \_\_: Police Equipment: No change

Article \_\_: Police Cruiser Laptops: No change

Article \_\_: Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund: No change

Article \_\_: Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund: No change

Article \_\_: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: No change

Article \_\_: Watson Academy Repairs Expendable Trust Fund: No change

Article \_\_: Recreation Facilities Expendable Trust Fund: No change

Article \_\_: Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund: No change

Article \_\_: Fireworks Capital Reserve Fund: No change

Article \_\_: Epping Youth Athletic Fund: No change

Adam said there are a few more warrant articles to be presented but they are not printed out yet.

- Safety Complex Sidewalk Safety Canopy for \$140,000
  - Don how big is the canopy, Greg said it cover the sidewalk and were the police cars park.
- Rockingham Community Action
- Chambers Children Fund

Greg does not have all the details yet but the town had the shingles inspected on the town hall roof and they also found that the fire escape is detaching from the building, the shingles are covered by insurance but the fire escape repair will be coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. Greg is not sure the amount, but he wanted to make the committee aware that line will change in the budget.

January 8, 2019 at 4:00pm is the deadline for warrant articles.

Don asked Heather if there were any changes to the School Warrant Articles, Heather said No. The committee will vote on the school warrant articles.

Article 01: Operating Budget: Read by Steve. Don asked for any question, asked for a motion to recommend. Heather motions to recommend, seconded by Jeff. All in favor, motion carries unanimously 9-0.

Article 02: Teacher Association Collective Bargaining. Read by Steve. Don asked for any discussion, asked for a motion to recommend. Heather motions to recommend, seconded by Jeff. All in favor, motion carries unanimously 9-0.

Article 03: Add to Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve. Read by Steve. Don asked for any discussion, asked for a motion to recommend. Heather motions to recommend, seconded by Jeff. All in favor, motion carries unanimously 9-0.

Article 04: Add to Special Education Capital Reserve Fund: Read by Steve. Don asked for any discussion.

- Jeff asked for the balance, Heather said 100,000 and said they would like to get this fund up to \$200,000

Don asked for a motion to recommend. Heather motions to recommend, seconded by Jeff. All in favor, motion carries unanimously 9-0.

Heather would like to thank this committee on behalf of the school board, she has also let Bonnie know the articles all passed and she will bring the paperwork to sign next meeting.

Upcoming meeting:

- January 9, 2019 – 6:00pm. Public hearing
- January 10, 2019 – 6:00pm. Continuation of public hearing if needed.

Jeff confirmed there is no scheduled meeting for January 16, 2019, Don said no there is no meeting.

Don asked for a motion to accept the minutes from December 19, 2018. Motioned by Jeff, seconded by Marc with Don and Jacklyn abstained.

Jeff asked how many positions are open for the next, Greg will get that information and forward it to the board.

Don asked for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Heather, seconded by Marc. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by.

Cynthia Hounam