

Town of Epping
Budget Committee Meeting
March 20, 2019

Call to Order:

The budget committee meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members followed by a moment of silence for the troops.

Attendance:

Budget Committee Members: Steve Ozols-Vice Chairman, Adam Munguia-Town Selectmen Rep, Heather Clark-School Board Rep., Jen Chapman, Marc Nickerson, Jacklyn Ulban, Robert Hodgeman, Sean Morrison, Mike Lecuyer. Michael Charkowsky and Cynthia Hounam were not present.

Opening Comments:

Steve would like to start by welcoming the new members, the board individually introduced themselves. Steve would like to thank Don, who decided not to run this year, for his service to the board.

New Business:

Steve asked Adam to review the election results for the town:

Article 2-Article 6: These were zoning article that all passed, Adam asked if anyone has any questions about these articles.

Article 7 - Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade 1: Passed 727-148

Article 8 - Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade 2: Did not pass 405-472

Article 9 - 2019 Operation Budget: Passed 600-274

- Adam would like to thank the voters that voted for this article, we try to keep the budget down while also keeping the towns best interest in mind.

Article 10 – Transfer Station Truck Lease: Passed 602-270

Article 11 – Highway Truck Lease: Passed 613-261

Article 12 – Police Equipment – Passed 586-296. This was for the finger print machine

Article 13 – Police Cruiser Laptops: Passed 565-313

Article 14 – 18: These were all Expendable Trust Fund articles, which all passed

Article 19 – Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund: Passed 612-247

Article 20 – Fireworks Capital Reserve Fund: Did not pass 417-452

Article 21-22: These were not budget issues

Article 23 – Epping Youth Athletic Association: Passed 733-160

Article 24 – Dissolving Water-Sewer Commission – did not pass 402-452.

- Adam said that article was supported by the board of selectman, it would have been in the best interest if this had passed but since it has not the board of selectman will be taking action to ensure it is business and usual where the concerns remain. Adam will discuss with anyone that has questions

Article 25 – Discontinue Portion of “Old” South Side Road: Passed 671-164

Article 26-30: These were all “By Petition” articles that passed.

- Adam said these were all recommended by the Board of Selectman and the Budget Committee

Article 31 – By Petition: Right to Decide Resolution: Passed 654-222.

- Adam said they had to get legal council to be sure that the verbiage was ok to put on as a warrant article.

Adam said that was all for the town and if anyone has any question please reach out to him.

Heather reviewed the school, Heather said everything passed and wanted to thank everyone who voted for the Operating Budget and the Teachers Association Collective Bargaining.

Heather said that adding to both Building and Grounds and Special Education Reserve Funds both passed.

Steve for any questions regarding the election results.

Steve said with the loss of Joe Trombley there is now an open position, if you are interested to contact Greg Dodge. Heather added that it is a great opportunity to see what is going on with the town as a whole. Marc mention this is a 1 year position and you would have get re-elected in March so if this a good opportunity to see about the position before committing for 3 years.

Steve reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule:

- April 17, 2019 – 7:00pm
- May 15, 2019 – 7:00pm
- June, July and August off for the summer months
- September 18, 2019 – 7:00pm

Sean motioned to accept the schedule, seconded by Heather. Steve asked for any further discussion. All favor, motion passes.

Steve said next item on the agenda is reorganization on the board.

- Heather motioned for Steve to be the Chairman and Jacklyn to be our Vice Chairman, seconded by Marc. Steve asked for any discussion. Steve and Jacklyn accept. Motion passes. Jacklyn abstained on her nomination vote and Steve abstain on his nomination vote.

Heather motioned to accept the minutes from January 9, 2019, seconded by Marc. All in favor, motion carries

Marc motions to adjourn, seconded by Heather. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia Hounam