

**Hill Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2019**

Present: Steve Yannuzzi, Bill Wilson, Kristen Cunningham, Charlie Estes, Jerry Desrochers, Paul Meyerhoefer

Absent: Tom Seymour, Charlie Henry, Shelly Henry

Public: Denise Robie

Meeting Business

Charlie Estes called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.

Introductions/Welcome of newly elected and returning Budget Committee members.

Minutes from 2/13/19 were reviewed and amended. Jerry made a motion to accept the amended minutes, Bill seconded, vote was unanimous

Old Business

Paul expressed concern with getting information about the school budget the night of the public hearing. He would like to see information earlier in the process. Bill expressed similar concerns.

Charlie Estes felt that as we move forward with Brian Connelly as superintendent (7/1/19) the communication of information will improve.

Charlie Estes handed out the School District Monthly Expenditure Report which was reflective of expenses through 3/31/19.

Bill questioned how closely we want to scrutinize the school's budget.

Charlie Estes spoke for himself and said his goal was to review the process in order to become more familiar with how the \$\$ was spent and then be in a better position to ask informed questions.

Steve suggested getting the expenditure report quarterly. Jerry, Paul and Bill were in agreement.

Charlie Estes suggested the Budget Committee might also want to review other departments expenses throughout the year.

Jerry said review would help to get questions answered when things were fresh in peoples' minds.

Paul indicated that he would like to see a monthly expenditure report from the town.

Charlie Estes stated that a draft copy of meeting minutes and public hearings needed to be made available to the public within five days.

New Business

Bill made a motion to accept Denise Robie's appointment for a one year term on the Budget Committee, Jerry seconded, vote was unanimous

Paul made a motion to have the current officers (Charlie Estes – Chairman, Kristen Cunningham – Secretary) retain their positions for 2019-2020, Jerry seconded, vote was unanimous

Charlie Estes made a motion to nominate Bill for Vice Chairman, Jerry seconded, vote was unanimous
Jerry swore Denise in.

Charlie Estes and Bill recommended that all members of the Budget Committee take time to review RSA 32 in order to better understand and learn what the committee can and can't do.

Jerry mentioned the Municipal Association Budget & Finance Workshop that is held in late September.

Charlie Estes said he would take care of getting bimonthly copies of School District and Town Expenditure Reports before each scheduled meeting.

Discussion ensued about Capital Reserve vs. Capital Improvement Funds.

Paul and Bill suggested coming up with a list of what information we want to see from each individual department.

Proposed Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule = June 19th, September 11th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Cunningham