

Hill Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

Oct. 24, 2019

Present: Paul Meyerhoefer, Denise Robie, Kristen Cunningham, Charlie Estes, Jerry Desrochers, Bill Wilson, Mike Brady (Selectman), Paula McDonough

Absent: Charlie Henry, Shelly Henry, Steve Yannuzzi

Public: Beth Heyward (Concord CAP Office), Patti Kirk (Franklin CAP Office)

Meeting Business

Charlie Estes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Minutes from 9/11/19 were reviewed. Jerry made a motion to accept the minutes, Bill seconded, vote was unanimous (7 in favor, 1 abstained because he wasn't in attendance at the mtg.)

Shelly's email on 10/24/19 was discussed. Contents of this email are as follows:

I will not be attending the meeting tonight. During a class in August, the attorney teaching happen to state the Tax Collector should not be a member of the Budget Committee. Though I have learned that it is technically not illegal for me to fill the ex officio position it has been advised that is in my best interest not to participate. I have asked another member of the School Board to assume the ex officio position but no one has accepted at this point.

If you set meeting dates tonight, please let me know so I can present them at the next school board meeting. Thank you!

Shelly

Old Business

None

New Business

Beth Heyward and Patti Kirk from the Community Action Program (CAP) went over the various services and types of assistance CAP provides.

Paul asked how many people in Hill received assistance last yr. Beth responded that 67 people received \$31,000 in fuel assistance, 34 households received \$15,000 in electric assistance and 1 household received \$19,000 in assistance for weatherization.

A proposed schedule of mtg. dates and public hearings was discussed. The Budget Committee would like to meet with the different dept. heads at the mtg. scheduled to go over their proposed budget for 2020. The proposed mtg. schedule is as follows:

11/6/19 – Library, Parks & Rec, Cemetery 7:00pm

11/13/19 – Water Commission, Review Town Expenses YTD 7:00pm

11/20/19 – Police, Fire, Highway 7:00pm

12/5/19 – Town Clerk/Tax Collector 7:00pm

12/11/19 – Preliminary Review of School District Budget 7:00pm

12/18/19 – Executive Office 7:00pm

1/8/20 – Final Review of School District Budget 7:00pm

1/15/20 – Final Review of Dept. Budgets before Public Hearing 7:00pm

2/4/20 – Public Hearing Town Budget 7:00pm (Snow Date = 2/5/20)

2/12/20 – Public Hearing School District Budget 7:00pm (Snow Date = 2/13/20)

Discussion ensued about the direction the Budget Committee wants to go in order to be more forward thinking.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Cunningham