

Hill Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

Jan. 22, 2020

Present: Denise Robie, Paula McDonough, Kristen Cunningham, Charlie Estes, Jerry Desrochers, Bill Wilson, Shelly Henry (School Board), Tom Seymour (Selectman), Charlie Henry, Paul Meyerhoefer

Absent: None

Public: Mike Brady

Meeting Business

Charlie Estes called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Minutes from 1/15 were distributed and reviewed. Jerry made a motion to accept the minutes, Tom seconded, vote was unanimous.

Old Business

Tom clarified two questions about the Town's YTD Budget Comparison that had been asked at the 1/15 mtg. The line item for Postage in the selectmen's proposed 2020 budget for the Tax Collector should read \$1,200.00 not \$1,900.00. The \$1,900.00 was a typo. The line item of \$16,800.00 for P&L Insurance didn't add in to the total budget because of an error in the formula. When this figure is added in, the total for the selectmen's proposed 2020 budget is \$1,158,256.66. This is an increase of \$17,802.00 from the 2019 budget. Jerry made a motion for the Budget Committee to accept the Selectmen's proposed 2020 budget for the town of \$1,158,257.00 and to present this figure at the public hearing. Bill seconded. Vote was 7 in favor and 2 opposed.

New Business

Shelly handed out the revised School District FY2020-2021 Revenue Estimates. The one presented to the Budget Committee on 1/8 didn't have figures for the grants the school district will receive.

Paula questioned whether or not the librarian had received a raise in the past 3 yrs. Charlie E. clarified.

Paula asked about the preschooler who will receive services from the school district when he/she turns 3.

Shelly made a motion for the Budget Committee to accept the School District's proposed FY2020-2021 budget of \$2,185,527.00 and to present this figure at the public hearing. Tom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jerry made a motion for the Budget Committee to accept the School District's two special warrant articles that take \$\$ from the Unreserved Fund Balance and put it into the Capital Reserve Fund and to present these warrant articles at the public hearing. Tom seconded. Charlie E. questioned whether these special warrant articles were already included in the \$2,185,527.00 figure based on the info. we received tonight. After lengthy deliberation, it was determined that they were. Jerry withdrew his motion.

The figure of \$2,185,527.00 includes the two special warrant articles (\$15,000.00) and \$\$ from the grants (\$55,000.00).

Mike Brady requested that the School District be able to present current numbers at the public hearing for FY2019-2020 and projected numbers for FY2020-2021 on the tuition rated for JDBS students.

Next Mtg. Town Public Hearing 2/4 @ 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Cunningham