

Budget Committee
April 23, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair- Rob Glassett, Joseph Caristi, Dave Carr, Scott Sanschagrin, Walter Waring, Janet Cavanagh, Paul Simard, Shaun Lagueux.

Absent: John Sellers, Betsy Schneider, Les Dion

Others Present: Nik Coates–Town Administrator, Bob Blanchette-Finance Officer, Kris Bean-Lieutenant Police Department, Ben LaRoche- Fire Chief.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Rob Glassett called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Rob Glassett asked the committee to review the minutes from the last meeting. Wayne Janet Cavanagh made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2018 as written, seconded by Scott Sanschagrin. The committee voted **5 in favor – 2 abstained – 0 opposed** in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

Rob Glassett said there wasn't any correspondence.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair:

Scott Sanschagrin motioned to nominate Rob Glassett for Chairman, seconded by Walter Waring.

Rob Glassett said that he agreed to do this one more time.

The Committee voted **7 in favor – 1 abstained -** in favor of the motion.

Janet Cavanagh motioned to nominate Shaun Lagueux for Vice Chair, seconded by Rob Glassett. The committee voted **7 in favor – 1 abstained – 0 opposed** in favor of the motion.

Review of 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule:

Rob Glassett said that he had reached out to Nik Coates last week to cancel the meeting because of the weather. We will be back to a normal schedule next month on May 14, 2018. He said the committee should look at the by- laws so that we can vote on them in June and make amendments if needed. There is also an open position on the committee and all interested should send the information to Nik Coates. There is also the issue of the committee going from thirteen members down to seven members. After speaking to legal they have said we are all up next year so we will wait until then to go to a seven member board.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Shaun Lagueux asked historically I know Dave Carr had mentioned this before do we want to set a target for what the process will be for the budget. Rob Glassett said we can discuss this at the next meeting when all members are present. Scott Sanschagrin said he thought that Nik Coates and Bob Blanchette had done a great job last year with the revenues compared to past years. Shaun Lagueux agreed. Joe Caristi asked if the committee could get a spreadsheet produced by the town. Janet Cavanagh said she would like to see the committee be more productive this year and not be criticizing each other and other boards. She feels the articles in the papers are not helping people are losing respect for this committee. Rob Glassett said he agreed however everyone has a right to their own opinion. Joe Caristi said he would like to have the members be collegial in this room it goes a long way. Rob Glassett said he thought everyone learned a lot last season and he encouraged the members to reach out to the departments as they have been asked to tighten their purse strings and chances are that taxes are going to increase some every year going forward we need to work together as a group in making the changes. Janet Cavanagh said going to the departments as she did is a real eye opener. Rob Glassett also asked everyone to write down their names, emails and phone numbers so we are all updated he will make a list and pass it out at the next meeting.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

STAFF COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

Adjournment:

Scott Sanschagrin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Shaun Lagueux the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Vogan, Secretary