

Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

Present:

Chair- William Cote, JP Morrison, John Sellers, Betsy Schneider, Scott Sanschagrín, Dave Carr, Wayne Anderson, Bob Emerson, Rob Glassett, Ashley Dolloff, Janet Cavanagh, and Joseph Caristi.

Absent: None

Others Present: Shawn Lagueux, Nik Coates Town Administrator, Les Dion Selectman, and Members of the public.

Call to Order: Committee Chair William Cote called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Review of Minutes: John Sellers motioned to approve meeting minutes from February 13, 2017, second by Wayne Anderson. 7-0-3

Correspondence: Betsy Schneider asked why she could not find on the website the posting for the open seat for the Budget Committee, and would like this looked into. Rob Glassett moved to table this vote for a new member to be appointed until the current legal action is resolved. Motion passed 12-0-0

Election of Officers: John Sellers motioned to reelect William Cote as Chair, second by Betsy Schneider, William accepted.

Scott Sanschagrín motioned to elect Rob Glassett for Chair, second by Janet Cavanagh, Rob accepted.

Dave Carr motioned for a ballot vote, second by Scott Sanschagrín. Motion passed 8-2-2

Les Dion counted the ballots and they were recounted by Shawn Lagueux. 6 votes for Rob Glassett, 5 votes for William Cote and 1 ballot was invalid.

Rob Glassett accepted the nomination for Budget Committee Chair.

Vice Chair: Betsy Schneider and Ashley Dolloff both deferred, Scott Sanschagrín and Dave Carr also deferred. JP Morrison nominated Wayne Anderson and John Sellers second. Vote 11-0, with Wayne Anderson accepting the Vice Chair seat.

Budget Committee Schedule 2017-2018: Schedule looked good to the committee, June and July meetings will take place unless further notice.

New Business: William Cote introduced the two new elected Committee members, Janet Cavanagh and Joseph Caristi.

Betsy Schneider had a question on actual budgeted expenses and encumbrances. Line 4196-480 for April 5th shows an overture of \$20,000, Select Board had budgeted \$47,650. Betsy Schneider would like this brought back to the Select Board and clarified why there is an overage. Rob Glassett and JP Morrison will look into this and present to Committee at the next meeting.

Betsy Schneider also had a concern regarding the purchase of a police cruiser under the machinery, vehicles and equipment article for \$34,262; she feels these funds should not be spent without the Board's approval. Rob Glassett and JP Morrison will also look into this.

Member Comments: John Sellers asked the committee if this year they would plan on as groups of maybe 2-3 members look into individual departments. This way these groups could take on the line items of these departments and report back to the Budget Committee. Dave Carr suggested that each Department head come in and spend an evening with the committee and this way the committee could get a feel for the individual needs of each department.

It was suggested by some Committee members that maybe the Budget Committee as a group pay for a Budget Committee Seminar to take place in the fall for existing members and new members. Nik Coates suggested that maybe he could schedule with the Attorney and hold this seminar at the Town Office. Rob Glassett asked that Nik look into this and get back to the committee.

Select Board Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Scott Sanschagrin, second by Betsy Schneider, 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Sarto, Minute Taker