

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
George B. White Building
8 Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037
Following Public Hearing at 7:00pm Tuesday, 12 January 2016
MINUTES

Call to Order 7:23pm

1-2. (see Public Hearing minutes)

3. Roll Call

Present: Kevin Verville, Chairman; James Spillane**, Vice Chairman; Fred McGarry, David Carbone, Brendan O'Donnell, Steve Giovinelli, Troi Hopkins, Members; Andrew Robertson, Select Board Rep Member; Peter Menard, School Board Rep Member

Excused Absence: Carol Levesque, Karen Cote, Members

Also Present: Patricia Sherman, SAU #53 Co-Superintendent; Jan Foisy, Town Administrator.

4. Approval of the minutes- Tuesday 5 January 2016

Motion: Vice Chairman Spillane moves the approval of the minutes from the Tuesday January 5, 2016 meeting.

Second: P. Menard

Discussion: T. Hopkins states that the vote tally to remove \$25,000 previously added to the General Supply line should be "Yay: 2, Nay: 6, Abstained: 0" (not Nay: 0)

Vote to approve the minutes as modified- Yay: 6, Nay: 0, Abstained: 3- Motion Carries

5. Discussion of Public Hearing

Vice Chairman Spillane assumes that the requested information will be provided to the citizen.

6. Discussion and Review of the Town Budget

Chairman Verville states that previously the wrong bottom line was moved at the last meeting. The new bottom line is \$3,778,435.00.

Motion: Vice Chairman Spillane moves to approve the new bottom line of \$3,778,435.00.

Second: B. O'Donnell

Discussion: A. Robertson notes that there is a small difference between this bottom line and what was requested by the Select Board.

Vote to approve the new bottom line of \$3,778,435.00- Yay: 9, Nay: 0, Abstained:0- Motion Carries.

8. Deerfield Municipal Budget Committee recommendation of 2016 Town Warrant Articles

Vice Chairman Spillane requests waiving the reading of the Warrant Articles verbatim since there are copies of the Warrant Articles available to all in attendance.

No opposition seen.

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #1- \$306,526 for a new fire tanker. This warrant article has changed since it was first presented because of recommendation from the Department of Revenue Administration.

**Vice Chairman Spillane left the meeting.

J. Foisy states that the Department of Revenue Administration said that the original warrant article was worded incorrectly and this is the suggested wording.

Second: P. Menard

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #1: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #2- \$30,000 for road reconstruction on South Road.

Second: F. McGarry

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #2: Yay: 7, Nay: 1, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #3- \$80,000 for continued renovation of the George B. White Building.

Second: B. O'Donnell

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #3: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #4- \$75,000 to be put in the Winter Road Maintenance Fund

Second: F. McGarry

A. Robertson states that no amount is to be raised by taxation. It will be raised from surplus.

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #4: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #5- \$63,379 to reroof the third section of the roof on the George B. White Building.

Second: B. O'Donnell

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #5: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #6- \$50,000 in to the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Fund.

Second: B. O'Donnell

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #6: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #7- \$35,250 for paving at the transfer station.

Second: B. O'Donnell

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #7: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #8- \$31,526 to pay for the fire equipment lease

Second: B. O'Donnell

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #8: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #9- raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund

Second: F. McGarry

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #9: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #10- to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of supplementing the revolving fund, monetary, and in-kind donations (petitioned warrant

article).

Chairman Verville states that his understanding is that the MBC does not vote on recommending or not a petitioned warrant article.

A. Robertson notes that the Select Board did not vote on the warrant article.

Second: None seen

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #11- raise and appropriate \$10,000 to establish a Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund

Second: F. McGarry

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #11: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #12- raise and appropriate \$10,000 in to the previously established Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Second: F. McGarry

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #12: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: A. Robertson moves Warrant Article #13- raise and appropriate \$8,000 to be used by Northwood Lake Water Association to control Milfoil.

Second: F. McGarry

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #11: Yay: 7, Nay: 1, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: Chairman Verville moves Warrant Article #14- operating budget \$3,778,435. If defeated the default budget would be \$3,759,040

Second: A. Robertson

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #114 Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

9. Discussion/Approval of the 2016/2017 School Budget

Chairman Verville states that on January 5th Principal Yergeau stated that the New Hampshire Department of Education is requiring schools to switch over to the competency based grading system. This is incorrect. There is no mandate or legal requirement to change the grading system at Deerfield Community School.

Chairman Verville also states that there is not and has not been any legal action taken against the Manchester School District or the Nashua School District by either the state of New Hampshire or Federal Department of Education relative to Smarter Balance or Common Core Standards. Specifically to any funding sources or withholding of any funds as had been stated by S. Giovinelli.

S. Giovinelli states that he has read the documents pertaining to this information.

Chairman Verville asks that S. Giovinelli sites his source for this information since he himself had been unable to find it.

S. Giovinelli states that in Manchester they were withholding grant reimbursement until they decided to take the test. In Nashua there was legal action because they stated that it was an unfunded mandate to the computer equipment necessary to take the test.

Chairman Verville states that the quote was at the previous meeting was that there was legal action taken against the school district. That is not the case.

S. Giovinelli apologizes if there was an misinterpretation of what he said.

Chairman Verville comments that the final default budget amount has been updated since the last time it was reviewed by the MBC.

Motion: P. Menard moves the school district bottom line in the amount of \$12,051,913.40.

Second: F. McGarry

Discussion: None seen

Vote to approve the school district bottom line in the amount of \$12,051,913.40: Yay: 7, Nay: 1, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: P. Menard moves Warrant Article #1 in the amount of \$12,051,913.40. The default budget is \$12,238,286.

Second: A. Robertson

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #1: Yay:8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: P. Menard moves Warrant Article #2- the Collective Bargaining Agreement: 1st year \$216,906, 2nd year \$145,164, 3rd year \$69,601

Second: A. Robertson

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #2: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: P. Menard moves Warrant Article #4- \$35,000 to Facility Paving Plan Expendable Trust. No amount raised from taxation.

Second: A. Robertson

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #4: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Motion: P. Menard moves Warrant Article #5- \$10,000 in to the previously established Repairing or Replacing Technology Expendable Trust Fund. No amount raised from taxation.

Second: A. Robertson

Discussion: None seen

Vote to recommend Warrant Article #5: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries

Chairman Verville states that the committee thanks everyone who came out tonight. He expresses their appreciation to the school district and those on the municipal side who have pulled all of this information together and have been very timely and thorough in getting answers to the committee's questions.

10. Old Business

A. Robertson states that it has been noted that the difference between \$12,051,913 and \$12,238,286 is an anticipated rate of \$21.73 and \$22.06. The anticipated tax impact is \$27.83.

P. Sherman comments that the tax impact sheet is in the packet. She states that when reviewing it, if there are any concerns, let the school district know.

11. New Business

Chairman Verville proposes that the next MBC meeting be Tuesday March 29 at 6:30pm in the George B. White Building. This will be an organizational meeting following the election. Chairman Verville states that there will be four seats open on the Municipal Budget Committee this year. See the Town Clerk between January 20 and January 29 at 5pm if interested in filing to run for one of these openings.

P. Menard asks if it is time to sign the MS 27.

Chairman Verville replies that the school district has the forms to be signed tonight. The MBC will also need to come by the town offices to sign the MS 27 for the town next week.

12. Citizen Comment

None seen

13. Adjournment

Motion: F. McGarry moves to adjourn

Second A. Robertson

Vote to adjourn: Yay: 8, Nay: 0, Abstained: 0- Motion Carries