

## Feb 4th, 2022 7:00pm Town Budget Committee Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Budget Committee Attendees: Christine Abdelnour-McKenna, Dean Priebe, Bill Chase

Selectboard Attendee: Frank Reeder(Clayton is on vacation so Frank is filling in)

School Board attendees: Rob Malay, SAU29 superintendent, Mark Hayward, school principal, Stuart Adams and Stephanie Kelly, school board members.

Public hearing was opened at 7:01pm by Christine.

### **FY2022 School Budget Discussion**

Dean read through the school board budget, one question was asked about by the bus rates had increased. The increase has been attributed to the rise in maintenance and fuel costs. We asked if anyone had any additional questions and there were not any.

### **FY2022 Budget Discussion**

Frank read through the town budget and explained salaries and insurance have generally gone up as well as the cost of paving and fuel. One question was asked about how much the fire station build has increased over last year. Frank did advise that he did not have an exact figure but it was approximately \$400,000 due to building materials having increased. Frank also added that they cannot predict whether next year building materials will go up or down in this climate. There is no way to know for sure. A visitor added that there is a hearing for the fire station on February 24th at 7pm if anyone has specific questions to the fire station. We asked if anyone had any additional questions and there were not any.

Public attendees had left at 7:19pm and the budget committee proceeded to discuss whether or not they were able to take a vote on questions they wanted to ask the selectboard. Frank advised us we could not vote tonight as our meeting

had to be posted beforehand to give the public an opportunity to attend. We briefly discussed the questions we wanted to ask the selectboard but ultimately we had to wait for our next meeting and if we would like to, we can attend the next selectboard meeting on February 17th to discuss further.

We received no further questions after the hearing had been open for thirty minutes, Frank advised Christine she could close the meeting after a half hour if all questions and concerns had been addressed.

Public Hearing closed @ 7:31 pm by vote and all were in favor

Next budget committee meeting will be February 8th at 5:30pm