

## Jan 25, 2021 6:30pm Town Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Susan Finnegan, Christine Abdelnour-McKenna, Dean Priebe, Bill Chase, Frank Reeder

No one called to say they could not participate due to technical difficulties and the meeting called to order and the meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Susan Finnegan.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the warrant articles.

### **Committee Organizational business:**

Bill Chase was appointed by the Budget Committee due to a vacancy as Richard Paul moved away. This meeting is being held remotely due to the state emergency order.

### **Warrant Articles & Discussion**

Frank Reeder presented the draft of the warrant articles. We discussed that the organization of the articles may change depending on how they need to be presented.

Article 4 The committee for the new fire station has done an exceptional job and this has been a long time in the works.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,428,359 for general town operations

Article 6 Highway Department requests \$128,000 to purchase a new backhoe they would use 55,000 out of their capital reserve and wish to raise the balance of \$73,000 by taxation.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 2002 John Deere backhoe

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund to the Town Hall Septic Tank Capital Reserve Fund the town hall desperately needs a septic system.

Article 9 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, this is to repair equipment throughout the years as it breaks or needs to be replaced.

Article 11 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, this is to repair equipment throughout the years as it breaks or needs to be replaced.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the maintenance Class V portion of Adams Road beginning at the intersection of Stonewall Circle and going past the current Brehm house located on Lot R5-6 (approximately 200'). The gentleman who lives here is the only one who uses that part of the road and he would like to be able to maintain it himself.

Article 13 To see if the town will move the Jotham Lord Fund (\$74) to the library

The budget committee supports and approves all of the warrant articles by the use of a roll call format; each member approved and there were no objections.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm

Submitted by:

Christine Abdelnour-McKenna