

**Town of Milton New Hampshire
Budget Committee
Thursday, January 23, 2014
Emma Ramsey Center
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by Vice Chair Larry Brown.

Members Present were:

- Larry Brown – Vice Chair
- Doug Shute - School Board Representative
- Stan Nadeau – Water District Representative
- Jennifer Crone – Member
- Bob Carrier – Member
- Mike Beaulieu – Selectmen's Representative

Also Present: Rebecca Dean –Recording Secretary

Chair Bruce W Woodruff was excused.

Review and Approval of Past Minutes

December 4, 2014 Minutes

MOTION by Stan Nadeau to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014 as written. Seconded by Mike Beaulieu. Discussion: Larry Brown gave overview of minutes' contents. These were first discussions including recommendations of department chairs. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

January 7, 2014 Second Draft – There was a change on page 3, lease purchase of Grader, article 19 was corrected to amend the voting tally 7 -1. Group reviewed this second draft. **MOTION** by Stan Nadeau to accept minutes of January 7, 2014 with changes as discussed in the second draft. Seconded by M. Beaulieu. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

January 14, 2014 Minutes - **MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 14 2014 as written by Jennifer Crone. Second by Nadeau. Discussion: Correction page 2, line 340 planning services' – Change to: Larry Brown noted development is flat and questioned the cost effectiveness of the planner in that context. **MOTION** by M Beaulieu to remove from Page 3 the sentence 'Larry Brown emphasized need for planning'. Second by Larry Brown, 5 in favor, 1 abstention (Nadeau). Motion passed. **MOTION** to approve minutes as amended by Doug, second M Beaulieu. 5 in favor, 1 abstention (Nadeau).

MOTION to approve the minutes of January 17, 2014. Seconded by Larry Brown. Discussion: Library capital reserve number – Page 5, article 15. Mike Beaulieu provided an updated number of approximately \$16k that is in the fund right now. The document provided at the time showing the trust fund balances provided a figure of \$11,429. The

group discussed if the minutes could be changed to reflect this. The secretary did not agree with correcting the minutes as this isn't an incorrect number, its information that the group had at the time. This figure is indeed what was stated at the meeting. The decision was left to the secretary that will add something to the effect of 'reflecting available information'. MOTION by Larry Brown to amend minutes containing Stan's additional sentence. Seconded by Mike Beaulieu. Discussion: None. All in favor, motion carried. MOTION by Mike Beaulieu to approve the minutes with changes and corrections as discussed, second by Doug Shute. Discussion: none. All in favor, abstained by J Crone, motion carried 5-1.

Discussion ensued on the process of telephoning missing members if there is a vote that is tied. The group agreed that In the case of a tie, if all people who were absent from a meeting were called via speaker phone, it should be fair.

Members Comments

Doug Shute stated that the teachers contract is at an impasse. This means there is no contract at this time, and no pay raise. Its unknown if this will go to arbitration.

Shute also said that they are in preliminary discussions with Farmington to look into a co-op. Also, they are looking at options of adding on to Nute, cost to update old Nute. These options would be presented to voters in the future and committee participation from people in town would be necessary. The Middle School is designed and engineered to accommodate a second floor. Mike Beaulieu said it costs about 13k per student currently. An estimate of \$14,500 has been mentioned if students were in co-op with Farmington. Special Ed costs would also need to be carefully considered.

Mike Beaulieu felt that the order of Articles on the school side for surplus items should be reversed in the order in which they are presented. One surplus fund was for Special Ed, the other was for Building Maintenance. He felt that the Building Maintenance should appear after the one for Special Ed.

Stan Nadeau wants it noted in those minutes that he does not think it's correct to remove a statement after the fact from the minutes.

Citizen Comments

None

MOTION by Stan Nadeau to adjourn. Seconded by Shute. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: Bruce W Woodruff, Chair



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Rebecca Dean
Recording Secretary