

**Public Notice**  
**Budget Committee**  
**Milton, New Hampshire**  
**Notice of Public Hearing & Meeting**  
**Water District Budget Public Hearing**  
**March 3, 2015**

**Budget Committee present:** Chairman Bruce Woodruff, Bob Carrier, Devon Pageau, Larry Brown,  
Ann Walsh (School Board Rep.) Andrew Rawson (Alt. Selectmen Rep.)

A quorum was present.

**Water District present:** Commissioner Stan Nadeau, Donna Elliott, Karen Brown

The Chairman of the Budget Committee opened the public hearing at 6:05pm on the 2015 proposed Water District Budget and Warrant Articles.

Commissioner Stan Nadeau presented the Water District Budget

The budget is \$3,538.00 over last year's 2014 budget which is just over 1%. This doesn't include warrant articles.

The 2014 total operating budget was \$310,666.00 in 2014 and the proposed budget for 2015 is \$314,204.00.

The major changes that would happen this year was our operator had his mileage tied to his pay and became a problem because he's paying taxes on it. The changes that will be made his mileage will be separate from his pay, the mileage pay has gone up but his pay will be reduced.

Bob C: Question The Computer System support line. In 2014 the budget was \$2,000 and YTD shows \$3,298.02 spent and the 2015 budget has not increased what was the reason?

Stan N: We had to buy software last year that we won't have to buy next year. Last year we were not aware that we had to buy an upgraded software. We had a problem and it couldn't be fixed unless we got the upgrade.

Larry B. Question the Insurance line it went from \$2,000 in 2014 and the YTD \$3,794.80 spent and now for 2015 it increased to \$4,000.

Stan N: We had a credit this was because of the lawsuit all the Towns got back some money by way of credit that one year low at that amount, but now it has to go back to where it should be.

Larry B. This insurance is not that building burns down or the truck runs off the road.

Stan N: This covers everything.

Ann W: Question Parts, Plumbing Supplies: You spent a little more on this line than what you're asking for next year.

Stan N: We just ordered a lot of meters and other supplies. The history of what we use for meters and average on supplies were stocked up.

Ann W: Question the Fuel lines in the New & Old Wells

Stan N: The New Well is up on the YTD \$3,497.79 due to the reason we have another pump 5 which is the Old Well we built the pump in 2005 and put a new sleeve in it and it turns out that the new pump pushes to much water we have a blockage and we can't run it until we resolve that blockage because there's too much pressure in the system, so we have to use the New Well and that's why the new well will be using more fuel than what it normally would.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing for comments, questions on the Operating Budget portion of the Milton Water District 2015.

Warrant Articles:

Article 1

This Article Is the Milton Water District Total Operating Budget for 2015 which is \$334,204.00

Discussion

Ann W: Do you have to do a default budget?

Stan N: We are not subject to SB2 rules.

The Chair ask if anyone from the public would like to speak to the article hearing none called the question.

The Chair ask for a motion to recommend article 1

Larry Brown made the motion to recommend the proposed Milton Water District Operating Budget of \$334,204.00 second by Devin Pageau.

Discussion hearing none called the question motion passed.

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

Article 2

This Article is the Milton Water District Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established 3/25/06 \$10,000 to be funded from water usage charges. This is a special warrant. This is in addition to article # 1 Total in acct. \$86,411.41

Discussion:

Stan N: This is the article that will be used to fix the blockage that was discussed earlier.

Ann W.: How much do you usually have in that account?

Stan N.: We have not used any of this money since I became a commissioner.

Bruce W: How many Trust Funds do you currently have?

Stan N: We have 4. The MWD Maintenance Expendable Trust: we were told that would not take care of the buildings so we set one up that would take care of the buildings but we had to change the language. Which will be changed to MWD Building Maintenance and Renovation Expendable Trust. Article 3

MWD Equipment Expendable Trust Tools: not like hand tools Generators etc.

MWD Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: This is for one vehicle.

Bruce W: I see expendable fund that says maintenance, but I don't see one that says expansion service. Maintenance and replacement might be a little different.

Stan N: Maintenance is to take care of the current infrastructure, if you want to expand service we would have to create a Capital Reserve Fund or ask the voters for a loan.

The Chair asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public if not would like a motion to recommend article 2

Devin P: made the motion to recommend second by Larry B.

Discussion hearing none called the question motion passed.

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

Article 3

This article is to change the purpose of the existing MWD Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund that was established in 2009 to the MWD Building Maintenance and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund and to raise and appropriate the Sum of \$2,500.00 To be added to the MWD Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established 5/12/15 to be funded from water usage charges and vote to appoint the Milton Water Commissioners as agents to expend from the MWD Building Maintenance and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund.

This is a special warrant. This is in addition to article # 1 2/3 majority vote required.

Stan N: This is for the buildings we had to change the wording it was brought to our attention that the way it was worded means we couldn't do anything other than what exists now. If we want to expand or renovate the building you can't do it because of the building that exist now. There is \$33,232.35 in the account.

Ann W: The new wording the MWD Building Maintenance and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund.

To me that's building maintenance and not building and maintenance, so if you had maintenance on something outside of the building.

Stan N: DRA gave her the verbal ok on this. The question is how this is worded. There was a short discussion on the wording and the consensus is that the wording of the article is correct.

Ann W: The maintenance part of it all the maintenance has to do with buildings?

Stan N: This article is for building only.

The Chair asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public, if not would like a motion to recommend article 3

Bob Carrier made the motion to recommend article 3 second by Larry Brown

Discussion hearing none called the question motion passed.

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0)

Larry Brown had to leave to attend another meeting. A Quorum still present.

#### Article 4

This article is the MWD Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to be added to the Trust Fund. This will be funded from water usage charges. Currently \$20,306.52

This is a special warrant. This is in addition to article # 1 Majority vote required.

Stan N: The present vehicle was purchased about 7 years ago. We don't put many miles on it.

A ¾ ton or 1 ton truck with a plow on it is not cheap. It should last a couple more years.

The Chair asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public, if not would like a motion to recommend article 4

Devin Pageau made the motion to recommend article 4 second by Bob Carrier

Discussion hearing none called the question motion passed.

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)

#### Article 5

This article is the MWD Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2012. To raise and appropriate \$2,500 to be added it will be funded from water usage charges.

This is a special warrant. This is in addition to article # 1 Majority vote required.

Stan N: This was used to purchase generators small landscaper trailer lawnmowers etc. Currently there's \$269.13 in the account.

The Chair asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public, if not would like a motion to recommend article 5

Devin Pageau made the motion to recommend article 5 second by Ann Walsh.

Discussion hearing none called the question motion passed.

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)

The Chair gave the public one more chance to speak to the budget or warrant articles. Seeing none.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:28pm

The Chair called the Budget Committee regular meeting session to order at 6:29pm.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes of February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The Chair asked if there were any omissions or corrections would like a motion to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

Ann Walsh: The line that starts with The reason at the end of that line that reads of \$5,000 to \$0.00 add the words (was that) next line change They too they

Ann Walsh made the motion to accept the minutes as amended second by Devin motion passed (5-0)

The Chair addressed the Committee this was his last meeting and that he has served on the Budget Committee for many years and it's time to move on. He thank the committee members for their hard work this year.

The committee thanked the Chairman for his leadership and commitment to the Budget Committee and the Town of Milton. He will be missed as a committee member.

The Chairman would also like to thank two of the Board Members who will not be back this year Jennifer Crone and Eric Ohlenbusch for their commitment on the Budget Committee.

**Members Comment:**

The Chairman commenting on Article 20 to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee.

He supports this article and said that dept heads, Selectman, Budget Committee and Town Administrator should be involved in the process of the default budget. He feels it would make for a better accountability and transparency.

Ann Walsh: I'll probably not vote for this because I would have to sit down with the Town Administrator and go line by line to do it and I would have questions on what is contractual or why does this amount have to be higher.

If this warrant article for the Town passes it won't be long before the School District will be doing the same. The School budget is much bigger and you would need a strong knowledge of that budget and this year we will have a new budget committee.

Bob Carrier: I will not vote for the article I feel our job is to put a proper budget together that the Town can continue to provide the services to the people of Milton. A default budget does not move the Town forward.

Chairman Woodruff: DRA is not willing to meddle in the affairs of Towns. If we got any issues we should fix them ourselves.

Ann Walsh: suggested in the future that if article 20 does not pass at least at the end of the budget season when were done with the proposed budget, we should have one more meeting that the budget committee review or ask questions about the default budget and they get answered right there.

There was more discussion on this article.

**Adjournment:** The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn Devin Pageau made the motion second by Ann Walsh motion passed U/A at 6:47pm.

Submitted by the Vice-Chair Bob Carrier      Chairman: Bruce Woodruff \_\_\_\_\_