

Milton Budget Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2015

The Chairman of the Budget Committee opened the meeting at 6:02pm

Roll Call: The Chair called the roll of the seating members: Bob Carrier, Larry Brown,

Thomas McDougall, John Katwick, Maureen Steer, Ann Walsh (School Board Representative), Stan Nadeau (Water District Representative), Mike Beaulieu (Selectmen Representative) Excused: Devon Pageau. The Recording Clerk was absent due to illness.

A Quorum was present.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair asked if everyone had time to read the minutes and if there were any changes to be made corrections or omissions. Ann Walsh on the roll call Ann does not have an e Bob Carrier page 2, 4th paragraph Devon last name is misspelled Pagieu should be Pageau. A motion was made by Larry Brown to accept the June 16th 2015 minutes with the spelling corrections second by Mike Beaulieu. Motion passed 8-0

Review School Report: Ann Walsh the June 30th report that the School Board received at the July

School Board meeting at that time we were told they were waiting for a few more bills to come in so it was not the final number. It was showing a balance \$184,305. I called the SAU to make sure there weren't any significant changes and there was a change in Special Ed so now the final balance is down to \$147,116 that is important when we go into the next budgeting season.

We had an extra \$100,000 from the lawsuit for the insurance that we weren't anticipating and instead of getting a check for that they told us not to pay our July, August and half of September premium last year, so having paid those premiums we would only have \$47,116 left.

Stan Nadeau asked is that prior to the warrant articles or after the warrant articles? Ann response this is prior to the warrant articles but it doesn't take into account the revenues coming in yet I don't have a final number yet. At next week's Board meeting I've asked for a fund balance summary as soon as I get that I will forward it to you but you take into account the warrant articles and any excess revenue that came in and whatever the beginning fund balance was there will not be much to turn back to the Town.

Larry Brown What do you think the net will be? Ann response I can't tell you right now but it won't be a lot.

Stan Nadeau is this excess \$100,000 warrant articles involved? Ann response we have the one that came out of surplus. Stan there's not much coming back to the Town. Ann response I would say \$50,000. That is something we need to keep in mind when we're budgeting next year \$47,000 out of a \$9,000,000 budget isn't a lot of money.

Larry Brown would you say that it's a good thing to have a fund balance as there for the security that was discussed at the meeting of the School District.

Ann response yes this year we have \$147,000 so it's not like we don't have \$100,000. The money for the warrant articles will have to come out of that. I would guess between \$50,000 and \$75,000 that we give back the Town.

Review the Town Report: Mike Beaulieu The expenditure report for July is at 52.17% spent.

This is better than anticipated. The Department heads are focusing on their budgets. It will be a tough year for this coming budget.

The Town held an auction on deeded property and raised \$208,000. The Town owes the Conservation Commission money and Ambulance Fund money and at the next meeting the question will be to pay them off altogether and will still have \$98,000 left to go to the general fund

Larry Brown is it fair to say that it is a good hope of the Town that the new property owners will be more eager to keep taxes current? Mike Beaulieu response yes.

They are also in the process of trying to sell land that the Town owns but is land lock. You have property owners all around it. They will contact the owners to see if they will sell a contract right of way or see if some of the owners would be interested in buying some the property so the Town can take it off the books and put on the tax roll.

Stan Nadeau while were talking selling properties Ray's Marina on the lake side has been sold.

Larry Brown ask does the Selectmen know what happen to Tri Echo. Mike Beaulieu Troy Dillow owns the property there are plans to open up a dinner restaurant.

Bob Carrier on the expenditure report there are still accounting errors that maybe distorting the amount remaining column. He will create a spreadsheet for the next expenditure report to see if this is happening.

Larry Brown I understand there was a Police cruiser sustain minor damage and the transmission on the caterpillar loader needs to be rebuilt.

Mike Beaulieu response The Selectmen approved to have the transmission repaired at a cost of \$20,000. The Town cruiser was avoiding hitting a deer and the cruiser hit the guard rail there was just a few scratches on the cruiser.

The escalator is another piece of equipment that will need repairs

Pat Smith will be making an adjustment to the transfer Station scales currently its 0-60 lbs. no charge.

This is not working so he proposes to have all vehicles to be weighed and start from 0 to the weight of the material at \$0.08 cents a lb. this would put money back in the transfer station revolving fund. Otherwise he will have to ask taxpayers for more money to run the Transfer Station.

There will be a public hearing on this proposal.

Review Budget for recording Clerk: Bob Carrier set the budget for the recording secretary 21 meetings @ \$65 per meeting. This includes regular monthly meetings also budget meetings for Town and School. There are additional meetings set if needed.

21 meetings @ \$ 65= \$ 1,365 Public Hearings 3 @ \$175 = \$ 525 Total budget \$ 1,890

This year's budget is for 18 meetings and 2 Public Hearings the budget did not include the Water District.

Stan Nadeau we will pay for the Public Hearing. Bob Carrier response we have budgeted the money for the Water District Public Hearing and were the ones who conduct the hearing we should be paying for the notice.

Stan Nadeau response there's no consistency the Budget Committee either didn't budget or had no money to pay for the notice to be published. A motion was made by Larry Brown second by Ann Walsh the cost of the Public Hearing for the Water District be handled as the Public Hearing cost for the Town And School District the Budget Committee pays out of its budget. Motion passed 8-0

Select Budget Committee Member for the SAU withdrawal committee meetings: Bob Carrier At the last meeting there was no formal decision to name a member to the committee. Bob Carrier assumed Larry Brown would volunteer to be on the withdrawal committee, but was concerned with all the boards and committees he was on would it be too much for him. Bob Carrier who declined to volunteer at the last meeting ask Larry if he would volunteer to be on that committee since he showed interest at the last meeting. Larry Brown response was if someone else has time and interest they are welcome to volunteer for the position. Bob Carrier ask if someone else would like to volunteer for the withdrawal committee. There were no volunteers Bob Carrier decided to volunteer to be on the SAU withdrawal committee.

Ann Walsh the School Board would like a budget Committee member present for the SAU withdrawal committee to see what's going on. The purpose of these meetings is to come up with a plan on how to set up the SAU.

Review Budget Schedule: Bob Carrier the SAU scheduled a meeting with Milton and Wakefield Boards to go over the Budget Schedule meetings. All boards were in agreement with the schedule dates.

Bob Carrier the Town Administrator suggested that he schedule 1 meeting a week starting in October thru December for the Towns dept heads presentations.

Bob Carrier met with the Land use Clerk and Recreation Dept to schedule the meetings. I chose Tuesday for the Town budget presentations it works out with our schedule meetings that could also be used as a budget workshop. He put a calendar together with the School Board meeting dates with the Budget Committee and presented to the committee.

Stan Nadeau with so many Board members on different committees and boards some may not be able to be at Some of the Towns budget presentations. Bob Carrier response I looked at all the monthly meetings that boards and committees meet. I had to schedule a meeting once a week and the availability rooms was difficult and the time we have to schedule all the presentations is short. Mike Beaulieu the important thing you have a quorum. Bob Carrier I had to put a schedule together so that when the budget is ready to be sent to the Budget Committee the Town Administrator will schedule the depts heads on the dates selected.

Members Comments: Stan Nadeau I saw Bruce Woodruff at the hospital he recognized me but he had a hard time to keep his eyes open and is in extreme pain. He's hoping to be at Pease next week. There a few details to work out. He has retired there is a question on the Ambulance taking him from Maine Medical to Pease they pay for only 30 miles.

Bob Carrier Bruce Woodruff serve on the Budget Committee as a member and was the Chairman for the last 2 terms in office. He was a good leader.

Public Comments: None

Any other business that may come before the Board: None

Next Schedule Meeting: September 15th 2015

Adjourn: Larry Brown made the motion to adjourn second by Maureen Steer motion passed 8-0 at 7:49 pm.

Submitted by Chairman Bob Carrier

Minutes are a draft until approve

Approved on: _____