

**Town of Milton
Regular Budget Committee Meeting
Milton Town Hall
Tuesday May 16, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the public meeting to order at 6:03 pm and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call: Bob Carrier, Chairman Larry Brown, Stan Nadeau (Water District Commissioner), Mike Beaulieu (Selectmen Representative), Peg Hurd (School Board Representative), Shawn Perreault Tom McDougall (Excused), Denis Wing (Excused).

Quorum was present

Public in Attendance:

Erin Hutchings

Call to order

Minutes – Review/Approval

Approval of April 18th minutes

Motion:

Motion was made by S. Nadeau to approve the April 18th minutes with additions and corrections, P. Hurd seconded.

Discussion:

B. Carrier stated that on page 3 third bullet down add “for Town Administrator salary line” in between Line and Full-Time.

B. Carrier stated that on page 2 under heading School District Rep. – Budget Status and Issues of note, change the word IDDA to IDEA.

L. Brown stated that on page 1 under the first discussion third line down change the work interest to impact.

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), P. Hurd (Yes), S. Nadeau (Yes). S. Perreault (Yes), motion carried 6-0

Old Business – Posting of Committee vacancy-temporary to March 2018, data formats and utility

- E. Hutchings attended the budget committee meeting to see what it involved, what kind of interest there was, meet new people as she is new to town. L. Brown asked her to give a brief note of interest. S. Nadeau asked if she could also give a brief history of herself. L. Brown gave E. Hutchings a brief understanding of how the budget committee runs.

Motion:

A Motion was made by S. Nadeau to appoint Erin Hutchings to the temporary position of budget committee member till March 2018, P. Hurd seconded.

Roll Call:

M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), P. Hurd (Yes), S. Nadeau (Yes). S. Perreault (Yes), motion carried 6-0

- S. Perreault stated that they have received one file in Excel (CSV) file from the school. B. Carrier stated that when he printed it out it did not print out right at all so the file is not useful to him so he was unable to make copies for the board members. S. Perreault stated that the files should come in PDF format for those that are used to that and in Excel (CSV) format for those whom wish to utilize the sorting features.

School District Rep. – Budget status and issues of note.

- P. Hurd stated that the Special Ed is way over budget as of April 1st. They still have \$155,000 to come in from IDEA. P. Hurd asked N. Castle about the emergency funding he said that he would check into it next week. P. Hurd said that N. Castle thinks that the school is going to come in ok. P. Hurd said that they are under on a lot of lines and they are still waiting for monies to come in on some revenues. P. Hurd said that Food Service is \$26,000 in the hole. One of the other problems with food services is kids receiving lunch, the school cannot refuse the kids lunch, and there is about \$5,000 that parents owe the school for lunches.
- M. Beaulieu stated that they know that the SAU is closing down and that is money that will not be spent on that, they are taking over the Damon house at no cost. M. Beaulieu asked where the kids went that where in the Damon house. P. Hurd stated that they are back in regular class rooms as are the special Ed teachers. P. Hurd gave an update on the Damon house and stated that it is coming along.

Town Rep. – Budget status and issues of note.

- M. Beaulieu reviewed the town expenditure report with the budget committee. He stated that this only being May they have way to many expenditures over drawn, like postage and vehicle maintenance, there was a lot of postage used in the last few months and some maintenance needed to be done on the town vehicle which they had not budgeted a lot for. M. Beaulieu also stated that Equipment maintenance is over partly because of the purchase of 4 new booths. M. Beaulieu stated that he is going to recommend a full budget review this year so that they have full documents of what is spent in the budget. The ZBA postage is over the budget but they will be receiving the funds back for the money spent. The conservation commission is over on the misc. line. S. Nadeau asked M. Beaulieu about the highway department being over on their postage line, he thought that all there mailings go through the town, M. Beaulieu stated he wished he could answer that and will find out why for the next meeting. Recreation is over expended as well. M. Beaulieu went through the rest of the report with the board. S. Nadeau asked if they got the wrong amount for the life insurance, he has a hard time believing that the life insurance increased by 33% for one or two people going on, how did it increased from \$650 to \$967, M. Beaulieu will check into it.
- M. Beaulieu stated that the fire department received a grant from the Michael Maloney foundation for \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a new Cardiac monitor.
- M. Beaulieu stated that they are working with the New Hampshire Solar Garden again they had Allen Keeler come in has a proposal where they are looking at a lot of land behind the waste

water treatment. Right now they are earmarked and always will be for the largest solar garden in NH, now with more future projects coming up it will be hard for other towns to catch up.

- L. Brown stated that N. Marique went together on a corporative grant bases with the towns of Alton, Waterborough ME, Lebanon ME, and Wolfeboro, they got the cost of the cardiac monitors down from \$40,000 on a single purchase to \$26,505 we have an additional savings of a \$5,000.00 grant which is wonderful, great job for Nick finding these grants.

Other business

- B. Carrier has a budget and finance workshop copy which he said is showing what they are going to go through in the workshop, the dates are September 12th at the Putnam Restaurant and the other one is September 26th at Atitash grand summit hotel in Bartlett from 9am to 4pm. He said that it is \$75 but they do not have a line item for that so he does not think they have the money to go. S. Nadeau said that normally they send the chair person if he was available to go to this, but if he does not want to go they can send someone else, if they do not have the funds it can come out of another line or another department. This will be discussed more as the time gets closer.
- It was mentioned that you cannot email all board members at once or reply to all as it will constitute a meeting; you can email them individually if needed.

Next Meeting:

June 19, 2017 at Milton Town Hall at 6:00pm

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by S. Nadeau seconded by P. Hurd at 7:46 pm. All in favor. Motion carries. 7-0

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brenda Pabon – Recording Clerk

Date Approved: 6/20/2017 BLP