

**Town of Milton
Budget Committee Special Meeting
Milton Water District Budget & Warrant Articles
Milton Town Hall
Tuesday February 21, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brown called the public meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call: Tom McDougall, Bob Carrier, Chairman Larry Brown, Stan Nadeau (Water District Commissioner), Mike Beaulieu (Selectmen Representative), Denis Wing, and Brenda Pabon (Recording Clerk).

Maureen Steer and Lue Snyder were excused
Quorum was present

Public in Attendance:

Karen Brown, Lisa Delimot (Water District Treasurer)

Review and make recommendations on the 2017 Milton Water District budget and warrant articles.

S. Nadeau briefly went over the changes within the 2017 budget compared to 2016. S. Nadeau stated that the 2017 budget is approximately \$504.72 less than 2016 budget, less any warrant articles. S. Nadeau stated that last year in the budget they had a full time position. They filled the full time position as a part time position this year so there is no retirement, insurance etc. S. Nadeau stated that there is a difference in the Legal line, reason for this was last year they had to bring a water user to court and sue them, they did get their money back, but because it was money spent from that line they had to show it. So legal will be less money this year compared to last year. S. Nadeau stated that they are combining the two wells, there is no longer an old well and new well it now just says wells.

Budget Committee review of each warrant article and recommendations:

- **Article 1:**

Article reads:

“To see if the voters of the Milton Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$310,493 for the operation and commitments of the Milton Water District which represents the “Total Operating Cost” shown in the budget attached to this warrant.”

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Motion:

T. McDougall motioned to recommend Article #1, seconded by D. Wing.

Discussion:

T. McDougall asked how they came up with the actual figures for electricity for the old well and the new well; he asked if the actual amount on that line was the combined amount for both old well and new well, S. Nadeau stated yes it was. T. McDougall asked if the \$2,000 difference from the actual and proposed was due to increase in costs, S. Nadeau stated yes and no. S. Nadeau stated that if they lose power than it is run by a generator so if they lose power for a few days

then they are not using the electricity and that is just on the new wells, the old wells they do not have generators for.

B. Carrier asked if there was any increase in the water cost. S. Nadeau stated that if it stays this way, the only way there would be an increase is if they were not pulling the money in. They don't seem to have a problem with the budget numbers; they have a problem recovering what they do lose. S. Nadeau asked L. Delimot what was outstanding; she stated that it was ½ of what was outstanding last year which was about \$100,000.

D. Wing asked about Repairs-Contractors, he stated that in 2016 they budgeted \$18,000, they only used \$12,246 and in 2017 they are asking for \$25,000. S. Nadeau stated that they have some major things that they are going to have to fix and it will take some money to do so.

S. Nadeau stated that the State is requiring them to change a minimum of 10 meters per year which cost over \$100 each. That cost will increase the Parts, Plumbing supplies line. Water testing has also gone up due to cooper lines in the ground so they are now require to test more.

T. McDougall asked out Contractual Services, he stated that in 2016 they budgeted for \$9,500 there actual was \$16,796 and for 2017 budget they are only asking for \$10,000. S. Nadeau stated that last year there was a report that the State required them to do, they could not do it themselves so they had to hire a third party to do it, they now do not need to do it again for another 6 years so that is why they are not requesting as much this year.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Yes), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 6-0.

- **Article 2:**

Article reads:

"To see if the voters of the Milton Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Milton Water District Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established 3/25/06, to be funded from water usage charges. This is a special warrant. This is in addition to article #1."

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Motion:

T. McDougall motioned to recommend Article #2, seconded by D. Wing.

Discussion:

The present balance in this account is \$49,438.61.

S. Nadeau stated that this account can only be used for the structure itself, the lines, the pumps, it cannot be used for a building, tools, vehicle.

D. Wing asked if this would increase the water cost. S. Nadeau stated that if all warrant articles pass then yes it would increase, but it would be a minimal increase. S. Nadeau stated that the increase in new warrant articles in 2017 is about \$3,500. L. Brown stated that it is possible that the \$3,500 could be recouped by the increase in water usage.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Yes), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 6-0.

- **Article #3**

Article reads:

"To see if the voters of the Milton Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Milton Water District Building and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund established 4/12/15, to be funded from water usage charges. This is a special warrant. This is in addition to article #1".

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Motion:

B. Carrier motioned to recommend Article #3, seconded by D. Wing.

Discussion:

The present balance in this account is \$8,143.55

S. Nadeau stated that this account is just for the buildings and nothing else.

B. Carrier stated that this was a 2009 warrant article, he wanted to know if they are going to change the date because the wording had changed. S. Nadeau stated that they cannot change the date because the category of expense is still the same so the date has to remain.

T. McDougall asked how many buildings the water department has, S. Nadeau stated they have 3 plus a shed.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Yes), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 6-0.

- **Article #4**

Article reads:

"To see if the voters of the Milton Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be added to the Milton Water District Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established to be funded from water usage charges. This is a special warrant. This is in addition to Article #1".

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Motion:

T. McDougall motioned to recommend Article #4, seconded by D. Wing.

Discussion:

The present balance in this account is \$22.47

S. Nadeau stated that in 2015 they purchased a brand new vehicle, in 2016 they did not put any money into this account because the vehicle was new, in 2017 they feel they should start putting money into this account so in 10 to 12 years from now they can purchase a new vehicle.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Yes), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 6-0.

- **Article #5**

Article Reads:

"To see if the voters of the Milton Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be added to the Milton Water District Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2012 to be funded from water usage charges". This is a special warrant. This is in addition to Article #1.

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Motion:

T. McDougall motioned to recommend Article #4, seconded by D. Wing.

Discussion:

The present balance in this account is \$1,901.36

S. Nadeau stated that this account is more for the purchase of tools only.

M. Beaulieu asked if when they tap pipes, have they thought about buying equipment for taping pipes. S. Nadeau stated that they do not tap pipes as it is quite expensive and they don't do that many.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Yes), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 6-0.

- **Article #6**

Article reads:

"To see if the voters of the Milton Water District will vote to establish the Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Expendable Trust per RSA 35:1 for permit fees and to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to be funded from water usage charges". This is a special warrant. This is in addition to Article #1.

Recommended by the Milton Water Commissioners

Motion:

T. McDougall motioned to recommend Article #4, seconded by D. Wing.

Discussion:

There is no present balance in this account as it will be a newly established account.

S. Nadeau stated that the State is requiring them to report how much water is being pulled out of the ground, he stated that there has to be a third party that comes in and does all kinds of testing and measurements etc. this has to be done every 10 years and the cost is about \$20,000.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Yes), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 6-0.

Public meeting closed at 6:35pm, resume budget committee meeting

Approval of minutes: February 4, 2017

T. McDougall motioned to accept the February 4, 2017 minutes with discussion and any possible corrections, seconded by D. Wing.

Discussion:

The word where should be changed to were on all lines of each article.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Abstained), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of minutes: February 11, 2017

T. McDougall motioned to accept the February 11, 2017 minutes with discussion and any possible corrections, seconded by T. McDougall.

Roll call: S. Nadeau (Yes), M. Beaulieu (Yes), B. Carrier (Yes), T. McDougall (Yes), L. Brown (Yes), D. Wing (Yes). Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting:

April 18, 2017 at Milton Town Hall at 6:00pm

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by S. Nadeau seconded by B. Carrier at 6:45 pm. All in favor. Motion stands. 6-0

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brenda Pabon – Recording Clerk

Date Approved: 4/18/2017 BLP