

**Budget Committee  
SPECIAL SESSION  
Milton, N.H. 03851  
Special Session  
2018-19 MILTON SCHOOL PROPOSED BUDGET @6:00 PM  
Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**Pledge to Flag**

**1. Call to Order – Special Committee**

Special Committee Meeting to discuss and vote to recommend for or against 2018 town warrant articles was called to order at 5:32 pm and Chairman Larry Brown Budget Committee Meeting. Public notice at 6:00 for the 2018/19 warrants and bonds – make sure any details that might have changed could be addressed and put into place and ready for public hearing. Made small miscalculations going over the final budge number for town.

**2. Roll Call of Seating Members**

Peg Hurd (School Board Representative), Chairman Larry Brown, Tom McDougall, Bob Carrier, Shawn Perreault, Stan Nadeau, Erin Hutchings, Shari Gaesser – Secretary. Andrew Rawson (Selectman Rep.), Excused - Dennis Wing. A Quorum was present.

**3. Public Attendance**

Earl Sussman – SAU64 Superintendent, Nathan Castle – School Financial, Manager, Melissa Brown – School Board, Laura Noseworthy – School Board, Doug Shute – School Board, Andy Rawson – BOS Chairman, Dana Ryan – Recording Clerk, Tim Long, Mark Gaesser.

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Tom – math error in formula, changes total entire column because it contained year 2018. Reconciled in computer that we were off, and there were other transcription errors. Figured it out – new number less then old number

Bob – in the copy, I used blue to match numbers on right. Budget committee meeting minutes and Selectman’s meetings minutes were looked at and the numbers did match. I did it again individually in red and I am getting \$4,508,365.48

Stan – BOS voted on this? Bob – No, voted on other number of \$4,508,115.28 – rec department \$250 taken out and passed but when-seconded, it came out it failed. My numbers match our secretary’s and the town secretary numbers. Stan – are we making a motion to make this our number? Larry - Number in blue is the corrected. Number of 2018 and then removed/failed \$250 \$4,508,365.48 is the bottom line.

Motion by Larry - should be moved to correct inadvertent math errors in the calculation of the town 2018/19 budget that the Budget Committee number be

\$4,508,365.48 and second by Bob. Tom – I just want to understand that the line that was incorrectly reported and failed on first vote then passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> vote was \$250 and put back into the budget? The 3<sup>rd</sup> motion failed.

Larry – motion to accept this as final budget going to deliberative session. Tom – yes, Stan – no, Erin – yes, Bob – yes, Peg – yes, Shawn – no, Larry – yes, Andy – yes. (6/2/0).

#### 4. Call to Order

Open School board budget meeting at 6:03 PM.

Board of Selectman's meeting opened at 6:05 PM – all in favor. Andy made a motion to accept new budget number of \$4,508,365.48 and second Ryan. All approved.

- a. Receive from the public on any part of the school district any questions.  
Larry – reads the warrants information. School District deliberative session will be held at Nute High School on Sat on February 10, 2018 at 1PM with a snow date of Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6 pm. Debate on articles 1 – 9.
- b. Vote by official ballot – Tuesday, March 13, 2018 votes on warrant articles and candidates for town and school board positions.
  - 1) Moderator
  - 2) Clerk
  - 3) 2 school – 3 years
  - 4) 2 school – 1 year
  - 5) Treasurer – 1 year.
- c. **Warrant Article 2**– amount set for to \$10,328,546.92 – Peg – Is that the correct number? \$10,292,940.80. Agreement – voted on by BC – default \$10,531,780.62 – same as last year RSA
- d. **Warrant Article 2** – Total operating budget is offset by \$355,618 from Federal Grants. Not raised by taxation – \$9,937,322.80 School Board – 3/0; Budget Committee vote ( 8/0/0). No further discussion
- e. **Warrant Article 3** - \$5000 – purchase library media – special warrant article recommend 5-0 by school board - Budget Committee vote ( 8/0/0). History of this - Doug we do this every year for the library.
- f. **Warrant Article 4** – vote up to \$50,000 to place in expendable trust fund for SPED - Larry any questions? Earl – to meet the needs that-occur, IEP, new students, etc. items that we don't anticipate. Amount will not cause additional taxation. School Board-5-0 Budget Committee vote ( 8/0/0).
- g. **Warrant Article 5** – up to \$50K place building maintenance repair cap project fund. Repairing maintain school buildings. – Amount will not cause additional taxation. School Board-5-0 Budget Committee vote ( 8/0/0).
- h. **Warrant Article 6** – up to \$31,607.28 – purchase of updating software. Current account software – being phased out- will not result in additional taxation – School Board – 5-0 and Budget Committee vote (8/0/0).
- i. **Warrant Article 7** – up to \$25K technology expendable trust fund. Will not result in additional taxation. School board - 5/0 Peg – yes, Andy –yes, Bob -

- yes, Erin – yes, Stan – yes, Shawn – yes, Tom – yes, Larry – yes. Budget Committee vote (8/0/0).
- j. **Warrant Article 8** – up to \$15K for school bus trust fund est. in 1993. Will not result in additional taxation. School Board 5/0 - Budget Committee vote (8/0/0).
  - k. **Warrant Article 9** – vote to change name and purpose of expandable trust (see article 8) Milton School District Vehicles trust fund – buses, tractors, 2/3 vote require – 3-0. Budget committee does not vote on this.
  - l. Larry – call out for questions? - Peg wondering article 9 2/3 vote required of voting public? Larry yes, public vote in March. Article 4 expendable trust; article 6 - software. Article that comes first if paid from funds available. Earl – yes, we gave this significant thought.
  - m. Disturbing that not many people came out to see how money is being spent.
  - n. Pleasure of committee – any comments or anything from committee or School Board?
  - o. Thank you for putting paperwork together.
  - p. Closed public hearing on school district – 6:35
  - q. Budget committee - have any comments thoughts etc. same process before public next week? None

### **Town Warrants Discussion -**

- a. Stan – from Monday meeting, the donation of police dog? Where is the fund coming from little bit will cover – chief police will be handler and cover cost of food; Andy – not sure how much training.
- b. Shawn – special line item associate with cost. – Andy all preliminary right now.
- c. Water district – come into budget committee. – February 20<sup>th</sup>
- d. Motion table meeting minutes by Stan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by peg
- e. **Warrant article for town – 2018.** Go back and take into account – vote that selectman just did for new number in article 3.
- f. Same formula as School District Budget. Formally next week's meeting.
- g. Larry reads out loud. Stan - jump 1 & 2 and go to #3.
- h. Article 3 – change the number
- i. Article 4 – highway – up to \$290,000 by 134000 – non-lapsing appropriation. – Recommended and 3/0; discussion of budget committee – motion by Stan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peg; Shawn - getting these 5 minutes before voting I will vote no. Shawn – no; Peg – yes; Andy – yes; Bob – yes; Erin – yes; Stan – yes; Tom – yes; Larry - yes. (7/0/1) by BC to approve article 4.
- j. **Article 5** –\$505,000 –leasing a pumper tanker – Motion to recommend 5 Tom – 2nd by Peg; Stan – need a break don't like approximately number. Peg – reading 10 year lease starting when? 2018-2023 capital improvement program (Ryan) End of 2018/2019 – Andy. Not an addition 61K this year? Andy -Not going to raise taxes until next year - last payment will be this year on 2013. Looking at this as the whens as where's as a voted. Can we do this

- as it is in the CPI but not making payments until 2019? Erin – current payment is on 2013? -\$41,000. Stan – buy out - we own it at the end.
- k. Larry –the 2018/19 rolling appropriation - nice to say it represents a \$20,000 hit opposed to what we are paying now.
  - l. Tim Long – we were not aware that this was being presented tonight. Larry - Back in October had conversation that budget season was starting – warrant articles were boilerplate – once cranked in it would simplify things. CPI to balance the taxpayers and make things as stable as possible. I do not like the difficulty it is sloppy work and puts budget committee in an awkward position. Andy – rebuttal – none is necessary - Larry - I want to look a.
  - m. Go over them Monday – by selectman – we were going to go over. Chairman should have requested them. Shawn – push them to budget committee. Larry – opinion and recommendation of budget committee.
  - n. Motion for Article – Stan to recommend against and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn. – This is time to give the taxpayers break on cost on pumper and would have been good to have documentation and wording was a concern. Peg – concerned about not recommend. Larry - Selectman can push it forward and will be on the ballot. Want to get the clarity and selectmen to change. We will be meeting
  - o. Ryan - 5 7 – 10 - \$490,000 \$530,000 – \$85,000 on a 7 year term. This was presentation to planning board. The final quote # is being \$505,000 Stan – still problem with approximately - the final cost is \$505,000. Declining balance – of pumper being replaced. Tom - Down payment and length of term. That's what Ryan said.
  - p. Stan - We are discussing \$1 million. We need to understand that it is the best interest of the town. Frustrating – Step plan should not have been on it. Now is the time to nail down these numbers.
  - q. Bob – we should be getting the leases and everything involved. Stan - We can vote again next week.
  - r. Larry – motion to not recommend on article 5 – All voted yes except Andy – was a no.
  - s. Andy to get the detail to BC and may revote on week.
  - t. Article 6 - \$65K to be added to Milton Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus. No amount to be raised from taxation. BOS Recommended. Stan – what is the balance in that fund? Andy – not sure of amount. Will be used for Air Pack. Pre-established revolving account. Larry – air packs 14; they have a go no go and have a 1-day life. Ryan - \$32K in there. Stan - Cost of air pack and how many? Shawn – should we table this until next week and get data before next week.
  - u. Stan – school board had rep and charts that helped.
  - v. Larry – do you wish to table article 6? Stan – 8k per unit total of 160K - currently 20 in service and checking if 25 are needed. \$200,000. Stan - Warrant article has 65K
  - w. What is the opinion of the BC – Peg too many questions and meet at 5 on Tuesday?

- x. The format for the public hearing will be the same. I have no problem meeting here earlier. Open the public hearing, recess the hearing to continue discussion and then reopen. Motion to table 6 – 9 Peg – yes, Andy –yes, Bob – yes, Erin – yes, Stan – yes, Shawn – yes, Tom – yes, Larry – yes.
- y. Meet on Tuesday at 5:30 - then recess public hearing
- z. **Article 10** - \$31,000 - Milton free public library capital reserve fund – no amount is to be raised from taxation. Recommend by BOS 3-0. Shawn – currant fund balance is? Andy – Larry do you know? Larry – no. Money has gone in and out. Stan handled by trustee's of the trust fund/ Peg looking at articles 10 and 11; to establish. Move to table article 10 by peg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry – all in favor (8/0/0); Motion to table 11 Peg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry – all in favor. Peg – yes, Andy –yes, Bob - yes, Erin – yes, Stan – yes, Shawn – yes, Tom – yes, Larry – yes. (8/0/0)
- aa. **Article –12 --raise** sum of \$8k no amount to be raised by taxation. New fund - DRA and RSA's (boiler plate used for any articles). Is a system series of overlays of information water, sewer, electrical property lines, ground water protection. Simplify work of code enforcement officer. Dig Safe – location of underground will be part of this system. Buying into this on first level. Dana does all this currently by hand. The GIS will do all this. Shawn – areas of town \$500 towards this; additional money is used to by different layers, may use different layer of the system. Peg – explanation was fantastic but I am town voter – Stan - Pamphlet goes out and so that people know. Would like to see School Board do the same. Tom – how important is this to the town? We have \$257k coming out – we are going to need money for this? All this comes from Fund balance – where is this coming from? Stan – funds in hands of the DRA. We are depending on budget of left over \$249K. Shawn - school budget goes Top down. Andy – however they are voted. Only 80K left in fund balance – how is it decided? How put back into the fund balance – unused taxes. Larry – how much is fund balance? Andy- 1.8 million. 8-900K. School fund balance around 150K; goes into the town the general fund balance. Andy – town will turn back approximately ½ million. Bob – I disagree there are variable - Stan – over taxation is over taxation. Stan – no means no. Can't spend a dime if it is voted no. Larry – if fund balance goes up then Tom – if we return that kind of money then the budget committee failed. Motion to approve article 12 by Stan 2<sup>nd</sup> Peg. Shawn – look at this as a cost savings. Tom - water district data – imported into the GIS? Peg – yes, Andy –yes, Bob - yes, Erin – yes, Stan – yes, Shawn – yes, Tom – yes, Larry – yes. (8/0/0)
- bb. **Article 13** – Stan - we already have an established bridge account? What is this new article cover? Ryan – fund is for NH and Maine bridges. Stan – another article can be used on bridges. Paving and infrastructure. Stan – make a language change. Ryan – make recommendation of capital improvement programs. Stan – why do we need to have 2 funds? Change the language of the use. Larry - Article 5 annual report – raise an appropriate 20K Milton Maine bridges capital. It is the same thing 2 different purposes

- but same thing. Shawn - Must be just the name of the capital reserve fund.  
Peg – motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan. All ayes. Peg – yes, Andy –yes, Bob - yes, Erin – yes, Stan – yes, Shawn – yes, Tom – yes, Larry – yes. (8/0/0)
- cc. **Article 14 – Eradicate European Naiad** – Tom motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peg. Tom - Only spent 2-3K out of 10K. Heard him say they don't need any money this year. Andy – yes they do need it and encumbered the money. Stan – any restriction on encumbered money? Andy – spoke to lawyers and no. If TPPA may take offence. Stan – talking good business. Do they have receipts? Andy – town hall bills etc. Point is NAIAD under scrutiny of Maine and NH under review and bills gone through and vetted etc. (LOOK AT THE TAPE). Small cost on the budget. Shawn – take exception to that we are attaching – level of discourse. Peg – yes, Andy –yes, Bob - yes, Erin – yes, Stan – yes, Shawn – yes, Tom – yes, Larry – yes. (8/0/0)
- dd. Public hearing at 6:00; special meeting at 5:30. Andy apologizes in timely fashion.
- ee. Fire and Police made presentations to budget committee. Tom – most covered under planning – send via electronic copy.
- ff. Invite the budget committee to CIP. Bob – CIP information sent out. But there are changes that we don't.
- gg. Bob – submitting resignation effective tonight. Shawn – don't have a lot experience but you leaving won't help. Not the committee but the town that doesn't.
- hh. Chair has no authority to refuse the resignation.
- ii. Motion to adjourn by Stan – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin. Peg – yes, Andy –yes, Bob - yes, Erin – yes, Stan – yes, Shawn – yes, Tom – yes, Larry – yes. (8/0/0)  
8:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Gaesser – Secretary

Minutes Approved: