

**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Elizabeth Dubrulle (Chair), Dian McCarthy (School Board Rep), Angela MacKenzie, Karl Soderquist, David Pierce (BOS Rep), John Stafford, Dennis Lynch, Craig Campbell and Bryan Fournier.

Excused: Scott Gross.

Chairman Dubrulle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2016 MINUTES**

**A. MacKenzie moved, seconded by D. Lynch to approve the minutes as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. Craig, David, John and Bryan abstained.**

**VACANT POSITION**

There is one vacant position. Two applications were received. Zuzana Buzzell described why she would like to be on the committee. I have lived here 15 years. I have two children and I am invested in the community. My background is in Finance. I work for Fidelity. I am lead faculty at SNHU teaching International Business and Finance. I am very familiar with budgets. I have done budget proposals where I work. I have also prepared theory for different classes. I have taught a class for the NH Banking Commission. I was on the Budget Committee at the Villa Augustina. My proposal did not go through.

Kyle Mallinger is not in attendance tonight. He recently moved to Goffstown. He formerly served on the Allenstowns Budget Committee.

**J. Stafford made a motion to accept Zuzana Buzzell's appointment. Seconded by A. MacKenzie. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

**SCHOOL UPDATE**

D. McCarthy: We had our first meeting at the end of August. Facilities spent the summer finishing various projects. We are heading into our budget season. We do expect to be ready with the budget by the beginning of November. \$798,000 was returned to the unexpended fund balance. We appropriated into \$500,000 into the emergency fund. We have a significant drainage issue at GHS. We are waiting on grant funding for that project. The School Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, February 4.

**TOWN UPDATE**

David Pierce reported the Board of Selectmen have begin to hear budget presentations from the department heads. We will deliberate for two following sessions. The Budget Committee will receive the budget on November 1. The Town Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 8 with a snow date of February 9. The tax rate setting has not yet been discussed by the Board. The Board of Selectmen asked the departments to limit the increases to ten percent. The net balance that would be funded by balance is \$325,000 at this time.

### **DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOL TOURS**

Elizabeth will schedule the department tours for Saturday mornings.

### **BUDGET SEASON**

November 8 School and November 1 Town

Meeting schedule - Tuesday and Thursday nights. The second meeting room is not available, so meeting space is yet to be determined.

Meetings will begin first week of November. Elizabeth will speak with Sue Desruisseaux and send out a schedule.

October meeting will be cancelled.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**B. Fournier moved, seconded by A. MacKenzie to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. So voted.**

# THE NEXT MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy

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