

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH
Municipal Budget Committee
 George B. White Building
 8 Raymond Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037

December 12, 2023
Meeting Minutes - Draft

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Terry Roy, Bonnie Beaubien, Kendra Cohen (school board representative), Joshua Cresswell, Andrea Hotaling, Jocelyn Messier, Leah McHugh, Maureen Quinn, Erroll Rhodes, Kevin Verville, Will Huebner (joined at 6:18 PM remotely)

Town Budget

Town Clerk: \$145,140.00

Mr. Verville made a motion to recommend approval of the Town Clerk budget in the amount of \$145,140.00, seconded by Ms. Messier. Kelly Roberts answered questions from the board. Mr. Verville made a motion to reduce the Town Clerk Tax Search line by \$800 and to increase the Maintenance Vendors line by \$800, seconded by Mr. Cresswell. All in favor, motion passed. Vote on the bottom line dollar amount of the Town Clerk budget was called for by the Chair. All in favor, motion passed.

Upon receiving a phone call from Mr. Huebner, Ms. Messier made a motion to allow remote participation, seconded by Ms. Quinn. A roll call vote was taken: Yays - Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Cresswell, Ms. Hotaling, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Roy, Ms. Cohen, Nays - Mr. Verville, Mr. Rhodes, Abstentions - None. Motion passed. Mr. Huebner joined the meeting at 6:18 PM via phone call to Mr. Verville's personal cell phone.

Meetings: \$37,906.00

Mr. Verville made a motion to recommend approval of the Meetings budget in the amount of \$35,406.00, seconded by Ms. Messier. Ms. Roberts answered questions about this budget from the board. Mr. Verville made a motion to increase line 440 by \$2500, seconded by Ms. Quinn. A roll call vote was called: Yays - Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Cresswell, Ms. Hotaling, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Verville, Mr. Roy, Nays - Mr. Huebner, Abstentions - None. Motion passed. Mr. Verville amended his motion to reflect the new bottom line dollar amount of \$37,906.00, seconded by Mr. Cresswell. A roll call vote on the bottom line was taken: Yays - Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Cresswell, Ms. Hotaling, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Verville, Mr. Roy, Nays - Mr. Huebner, Abstentions - None. Motion passed.

Town Hall: \$32,554.00

Mr. Verville made a motion to recommend approval of the Town Hall budget in the amount of \$32,554.00, seconded by Ms. Quinn. A roll call vote was taken: Yays - Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Cresswell, Ms. Hotaling, Mr. Huebner, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Verville, Mr. Roy, Nays - None, Abstentions - None. Motion passed.

Veasey Park: \$40,637.00

Mr. Verville made a motion to recommend approval of the Veasey Park budget in the amount of \$40,637.00, seconded by Ms. McHugh. A representative from the Veasey Park Commission was not present to answer questions from the board. A roll call vote was called: Yay - Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Cresswell, Mr. Huebner, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Verville, Mr. Roy, Nays - Ms. Hotaling, Mr. Rhodes, Abstentions - None. Motion passed.

School Budget

The board received copies of the school board budget prior to the meeting. Amber Wheeler, Business Administrator for SAU 53, presented the budget to the board. Ms. Cohen, Ms. Wheeler, Jessica Bickford (Title IX Coordinator & Director of Student Services for SAU 53), DCS Principal Kristen Withee, and Superintendent Patty Sherman were present to answer questions from the board. The board will take the school budget up again at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Roy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes of all previous meetings, excluding the 11/28 meeting. Mr. Rhodes noted a correction to the minutes of two meetings. On 11/14, he abstained from voting on the Police Department budget, but the minutes did not reflect that. On 11/28, he should have abstained from voting on the Planning Board budget and would like to change his vote to Abstained. Ms. Hotaling also noted a typo in the dollar amount of the bottom line of the Fire & Rescue budget on the 11/28 minutes. Mr. Verville moved to approve the minutes as amended. Yays - Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Cresswell, Ms. Hotaling, Mr. Huebner, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Roy, Nays - None, Abstentions - Mr. Verville. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

These minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Tina St. Peter,
Recording Secretary
Pending approval by the Municipal Budget Committee