

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

January 9, 2024  
**Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Meeting and Public Hearing**

Meeting called to order by Chair at 5:00 PM.

**Roll Call:** Present - Andrea Hotaling, Leah McHugh, Erroll Rhodes, Bonnie Beaubien,  
 Terry Roy, Kevin Verville, Kendra Cohen, Jocelyn Messier, Maureen Quinn  
 Will Huebner (Remote)  
 Not Present - Joshua Cresswell

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to allow remote participation, seconded by Ms. Beaubien. A roll call vote was taken:

Yay - Ms. Hotaling, Ms. McHugh, Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Roy

Nay - Mr. Verville, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn

Motion passed.

**School Budget:**

Ms. Cohen made a motion to recommend approval of the school board budget in the amount of \$18,791,468.00, seconded by Ms. Quinn. It was noted that this amount is the amount that the school board proposed, not including amounts added by MBC at prior meetings. A roll call vote was taken:

Yay - Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier, Ms. Quinn

Nay - Mr. Verville, Ms. Hotaling, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Beaubien, Mr. Huebner, Mr. Roy

Motion failed.

Mr. Verville made a motion to recommend approval of the school board budget in the amount of \$18,865,861.00, seconded by Ms. McHugh. This amount does include additions made by the MBC at prior meetings. A roll call vote was taken:

Yay - Mr. Verville, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Messier, Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Huebner, Mr. Roy

Nay - Ms. Hotaling, Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Cohen

Motion passed.

A roll call vote was taken for the recommendation of the school board budget:

7 in favor of recommendation/3 not in favor of recommendation

In favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville, Ms. Messier, Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn,  
Mr. Huebner, Mr. Roy, Ms. McHugh

Not in favor of recommendation: Ms. Hotaling, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Rhodes

**School Warrant Articles:** Roll Call votes were called for recommendation of each of the school board's warrant articles.

**Warrant Article 1:** 5 in favor/5 not in favor

In favor of recommendation: Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier,  
Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn

Not in favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville, Ms. Hotaling, Ms. McHugh,  
Mr. Huebner, Mr. Roy

**Warrant Article 2:** All in favor of recommendation

**Warrant Article 3:** 5 in favor of recommendation/5 not in favor of recommendation

In favor of recommendation: Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier,  
Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn

Not in favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville, Ms. Hotaling, Ms. McHugh,  
Mr. Huebner, Mr. Roy

**Warrant Article 4:** 6 in favor of recommendation/4 not in favor of recommendation

In favor of recommendation: Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier,  
Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Roy

Not in favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville, Ms. Hotaling, Ms. McHugh,  
Mr. Huebner

**Town Warrant Articles:** Roll Call votes were called for recommendation of each of the town's warrant articles.

**Warrant Article 1:** 5 in favor of recommendation/5 not in favor of recommendation

In favor of recommendation: Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier, Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn,  
Mr. Huebner

Not in favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville, Ms. Hotaling, Mr. Rhodes,  
Ms. McHugh, Mr. Roy

**Warrant Article 2:** All in favor of recommendation

**Warrant Article 3:** 9 in favor of recommendation/1 not in favor of recommendation

In favor of recommendation: Ms. Hotaling, Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier,  
Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Huebner, Ms. McHugh, Mr. Roy

Not in favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville

The Chair called for a recess at 5:59 PM to allow the Public Hearing to begin.

At 6:00 PM, the Chair called the Public Hearing to order.

Public Comments: None

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 6:01 PM.

**Warrant Article 4:** All in favor of recommendation

**Warrant Article 5:** 5 in favor of recommendation/5 not in favor of recommendation

In favor of recommendation: Ms. Cohen, Ms. Messier, Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn,  
Mr. Huebner

Not in favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville, Ms. Hotaling, Mr. Rhodes,  
Ms. McHugh, Mr. Roy

**Warrant Article 6:** All in favor of recommendation

**Warrant Article 7:** All in favor of recommendation

**Warrant Article 8:** 8 in favor of recommendation, 1 not in favor of recommendation,  
1 abstention

In favor of recommendation: Ms. Hotaling, Ms. McHugh, Mr. Rhodes,  
Ms. Cohen, Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Huebner, Mr. Roy

Not in favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville,  
Abstention: Ms. Messier

**Warrant Article 9:** All in favor of recommendation

**Warrant Article 10:** 9 in favor of recommendation, 0 not in favor of recommendation,  
1 abstention

In favor of recommendation: Mr. Verville, Ms. McHugh, Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Cohen,  
Ms. Messier, Ms. Beaubien, Ms. Quinn, Mr. Huebner, Mr. Roy

Abstention: Ms. Hotaling

A meeting was tentatively scheduled by the Chair, to be held after the school board deliberative session on 2/10/24, if needed to amend recommendations after each of the deliberative sessions.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

These minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by  
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