TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

George B. White Building 8 Raymond Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037

December 8, 2020 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present - Herman Pretorius (Chair), Bill Von Hassel (Vice Chair), Zach Langlois, JoAnne Bradbury, Phil Bilodeau, Jocelyn Messier, Maureen Quinn, Terry Roy, Bonnie Beaubein

Approval of Minutes:

11/17/2020 - Motion to approve as written made by Mr. Langlois, seconded by Ms. Messier. Vote: Yay 7, Nay 0, Abstain 1. Motion passed.

Budget Presentations:

School Budget: \$15,145,434.00

Motion to approve made by Mr. Langlois, seconded by Ms. Messier

The school budget was presented by School Board Chairman, Zach Langlois. It covered an overall scope of some of the increases on a line by line basis – covering increases and decreases in various lines. Overall, the budget reflects a \$695,109 increase. It was made clear that the non-discretionary increases were upwards of \$763,508 of which the committee found approximately \$68,000 to reduce from recurring costs in an attempt to make an aggressive proposed budget for FY21-22. Discussions were had from committee members regarding increase in legal services, reduction in Special Ed staffing, and reduction/increases in COVID-19 related changes. A motion was by Mr. Roy to table vote on the school budget, seconded by Mr. Von Hassel. Vote on motion to table Yay 2, Nay 6, Abstain 0. Motion rejected.

Vote to approve school budget: Yay 6, Nay 2, Abstain 0 Motion passed.

Citizens Comments: None

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Langlois, seconded by Ms. Messier.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 8:15 PM.

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