

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
George B. White Building
8 Raymond Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037

Meeting Held Via Zoom/Phone

August 18, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 PM by Mr. Pretorius

Roll Call: In Attendance - JoAnne Bradbury, Zach Langlois, Herman Pretorius,
Bill Von Hassel, Bonnie Beaubien, Maureen Quinn
Absent - Terry Roy, Andrew Robertson, Jocelyn Messier, Phil Bilodeau

Mr. Pretorius stated that the last time the MBC met was last winter before the Covid-19 pandemic, which is the cause for the delay in gathering to welcome new members, Maureen Quinn and Jocelyn Messier, and to organize for this year's budget season.

Election of Chair/Vice Chair:

Ms. Beaubien nominated Mr. Pretorius to serve as Chairperson. Vote to elect Mr. Pretorius as Chairperson was unanimous.

Mr. Langlois nominated Mr. Von Hassel to serve as Vice-Chairperson. Vote to elect Mr. Von Hassel as Vice Chairperson was also unanimous.

Mr. Pretorius discussed that the next meeting should happen at the end of October, in following with the previous year's schedule. The committee members agreed to set the next meeting date as Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Pretorius discussed email rules for the MBC. Ms. Beaubien moved to adopt the rules, seconded by Mr. Langlois. Vote to adopt rules was unanimous.

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Mr. Langlois provided info regarding the school's fund balance:

Fund Balance as of 8/17 - \$390,000 plus \$163,000 in unanticipated revenues for a total of \$553,000. A \$250,000 warrant article is to be funded from that fund balance, leaving a little over \$300,000. \$190,000 going back from last year's retainage. Tomorrow night the board will look to set this year's retainage number, capped at no more than \$258,000. Mr. Langlois anticipates that the board will take a larger amount for retainage than they have in years past due to uncertainty with the budget but that amount will not exceed \$258,000. Mr. Pretorius asked about the impact of the pandemic on the school budget. Mr. Langlois said that a lot of their budget is contractual but a lot of things also can't be anticipated, for example transportation costs if students need to be split onto double runs to allow for distancing on the buses.

Mr. Pretorius made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion was seconded by Mr. Von Hassel. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.