

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

November 10, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:07 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Bonnie Beabien, Phil Bilodeau, Joshua Cresswell, Will Huebner, Zach Langlois, Jocelyn Messier, Maureen Quinn, Terry Roy, Kevin Verville, Bill Von Hassel
Excused Absence - Jenifer Lee

Budget Presentation:

Mr. Von Hassel made a motion to recommend approval of the Library budget in the amount of \$160,420.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Langlois. Ann Meyers from the Library answered questions from the committee members and highlighted changes from last year's budget. Vote to recommend approval of the Library budget was Yay - 8, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Cemetery budget. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Bilodeau answered questions from the MBC members as a Cemetery Trustee. Joanna Waring also answered questions as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. Vote to recommend approval of the Cemetery budget was Yay - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Conservation Commission budget in the amount of \$3,367.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Erroll Rhodes answered questions from the MBC members. Mr. Von Hassel made a motion to remove \$499.00 from the part time secretary line. With no second, the motion failed. Vote to recommend approval of the Conservation Commission budget was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Supervisor of the Checklist budget in the amount of \$2,644.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Ms. Waring answered questions from the MBC. Mr. Langlois made a motion to increase the payroll line to \$2,610.00 after discussion of the hourly rate for the employee. Motion was seconded by Ms. Messier. Vote to increase the line was Yay - 3, Nay - 5, Abstain - 2. Motion failed. Vote to recommend approval of the Supervisor of the Checklist budget was Yay - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Legal budget in the amount of \$44,000.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Verville made a motion to reduce the budget to \$37,000 to be in line with the actual spending. That motion was seconded by Mr. Roy. The vote on Mr. Verville's motion was Yay - 4, Nay - 5, Abstain - 1. Motion failed. Vote to recommend to approve the Legal budget was Yay - 5, Nay - 4, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Previously tabled from the 11/3/22 MBC meeting, the Revaluation of Property budget was brought back to discussion. Mr. Huebner answered questions that the MBC had previously asked. Mr. Huebner made a motion to amend the supply line to \$100.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Verville. Mr. Cresswell made a motion to amend Mr. Huebner's motion to change the line to \$1.00 after discussion of actual spending. Mr. Cresswell's motion was also seconded by Mr. Verville. Vote on Mr. Cresswell's motion was Yay - 6, Nay - 3, Abstain - 1. Motion passed. Vote to recommend approval of the Revaluation of Property budget was Yay - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Town Administrator budget in the amount of \$262,209.00.. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Huebner then made a motion to increase the part time employee line by \$4,146.00, increasing the bottom line of the Town Administrator budget to \$266,355.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Langlois. Vote on motion to increase part time employee line was Yay - 7, Nay - 2, Abstain - 1. Motion passed. Vote on motion to recommend approval of the Town Administrator budget in the amount of \$266,355.00 was Yay - 7, Nay - 2, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Personnel Administration budget in the amount of \$108,600.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Vote to recommend approval was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Huebner made a motion to recommend approval of the Insurance budget in the amount of \$478,515.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Bilodeau started discussion by saying he had not received the email adding the meeting on 11/3/22 to the schedule and it was not discussed at the 10/26/22 meeting. Mr. Verville made a motion to excuse Mr. Bilodeau's absence at the 11/3/22 meeting, seconded by Mr. Roy. Vote to excuse Mr. Bilodeau's absence was Yay - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 3. Motion passed. Mr. Verville made another motion to allow MBC members to use whatever email address they prefer for communication, seconded by Mr. Huebner. Vote on motion was Yay - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion passed.

Mr. Roy apologized for his use of profanity at the 10/26/22 meeting.

Mr. Von Hassel said he had sought legal guidance and that he was advised by the attorney that minutes can be amended as long as the change does not materially change the overall context of the minutes. Mr. Huebner made a motion to delete the last three sentences of paragraph 6 of the meeting minutes of the 10/26/22 MBC meeting, starting with the words "Mr. Langlois" and ending with "inaudible arguing between Mr. Roy and Mr. Langlois." Seconded by Ms. Beaubien. Mr. Verville made a point of order that the minutes had not been opened for discussion yet. Ms. Quinn made a motion to open the minutes of 10/26/22 for discussion, seconded by Mr. Langlois. The vote on Mr. Huebner's motion to amend the 10/26/22 minutes was Yay - 5, Nay - 1, Abstain - 4. Motion passed.

Mr. Langlois apologized for provoking a reaction out of Mr. Roy at the 10/26/22 meeting.

Mr. Verville also apologized for using profanity at the 10/26/22 meeting.

Mr. Von Hassel made a motion to appoint Mr. Verville as the A/V person for the MBC in response to Mr. Verville's criticism on social media that the MBC meetings are not being recorded. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langlois. Mr. Huebner also offered to run A/V equipment when he is able to be at meetings, with Mr. Verville as back up when he is not. Mr. Verville said he would not comply if the motion passes. Vote to appoint Mr. Huebner and Mr. Verville as A/V team was Yay - 4, Nay - 5, Abstain - 1. Motion Failed.

Mr. Langlois gave a brief school budget update.

Mr. Von Hassel made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the 10/26/22 meeting, seconded by Mr. Langlois. Vote was Yay - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 3. Motion passed.

Mr. Verville made a motion to amend the minutes of the 11/3/22 meeting to show that Mr. Bilodeau's absence was excused instead of unexcused, seconded by Mr. Langlois. Vote was Yay - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 3. Motion passed. Mr. Langlois then made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the 11/3/22 meeting, seconded by Ms. Beaubien. Vote was Yay - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 3. Motion passed.

Mr. Langlois moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Verville. All in favor.

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