

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 8, 2018

Members Present: Carl Hagstrom, Winston Wright, Martin Nolan, Andrew Wood, Kathy Stark, Virginia Doerpholz, Debbie Favreau, and Selectman's Representative, Nancy Carney

Members Absent: Ben Thomas

Mr. Hagstrom opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Favreau distributed all of the department budgets that had been submitted and members proceeded to arrange them into their budget binders.

Mr. Hagstrom passed around the roster of committee members and asked that everyone check their information and make corrections as needed. Ms. Favreau will update the list and will have them available to members at the next meeting.

Mr. Wright made a motion to nominate Mr. Hagstrom as committee Chairman with Mr. Wood making a second. Mr. Hagstrom made a motion, with a second by Mr. Wood to nominate Mr. Wright as Vice Chair. Mr. Wright made a motion to nominate Mr. Nolan as Capital Improvement Rep with a second by Mr. Wood.

All members voted in favor of these nominations.

Also provided was a Report of Trust Funds. Mr. Nolan asked Ms. Favreau if all the funds were expendible. She replied that they were and that the selectman are discontinuing the Police Building Trust Fund and putting it into Gov't Buildings.

Mr. Hagstrom then had the members look over the YTD financial report. Ms. Favreau reported that all departments should be at about 17% left to expend and most are doing well. Mr. Hagstrom noticed the Gov't Buildings numbers were way off. Ms. Favreau shared that the Town Hall project has grown and the selectman decided to overspend the budget this year and do all the repairs. Mr. Hagstrom inquired if there were any large court cases. Ms. Favreau answered that there were none pending. The only thing looming could be the Solar Farm project but there is nothing definitive on that yet. Mr. Hagstrom asked if it was a legal line item and the answer was no, that it goes to the FCC to be heard. Mr. Nolan wanted to know if there was any benefit to the town. Ms. Favreau indicated that it is a pilot program that allows a payment in

lieu of taxes and that since the properties would need to come out of current use, there would be some land use change taxes, but no solar benefit to the town.

With no further questions and everything on the agenda being met, Mr. Hagstrom thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Marion Wheeler