

Town of Winchester 1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

Minutes of the Budget Committee (DRAFT)

Tuesday January 9th, 2007

Committee Members Present: Trevor Croteau (Chairman), Ken Gardner (vice-chairman), Sherm Tedford (select board rep), Jacqueline Beaman, Richard Kelton, Margaret Curtiss, Hubert Crowell, Colleen Duquette (School Board Rep), Deb Freeman, Dawn Lincoln, Gary Rokes. John Stetser and Clerk Tracy Pelkey.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

John passes out the Proposed and Petitioned Warrant Articles to the committee.

The committee takes a few minutes to go over them.

Sherm makes a motion to go over the Proposed Warrant Articles.

Colleen seconds the motion, Motion carries.

Minutes: Dawn makes a motion to approve the 12/29/06 minutes with a few corrections.

Margaret seconds them, with corrections, Motion carries.

Sherm makes a motion to approve the 01/02/07 minutes.

Colleen seconds them, Motion carries.

John reads over each Proposed Warrant Article:

Article #1: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to continue reconstruction and repaving of Old Westport Road?

(Recommended by the BOS)

Sherm makes a motion to recommend Article #1 as written.

Margaret seconds it, Article #1 is recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article #2: Shall the Town vote to authorize the BOS to enter into a 5 year lease/purchase agreement for up to \$300,000 for the purpose of leasing a pumper/tanker truck for the fire department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$68,500 for the first years payment for that purpose? This lease contains a non appropriation clause.

(Recommended by the BOS)

Sherm would like to take no action on this warrant, this is not the warrant article that the selectman voted on.

A lengthy discussion goes on about Article #2.

Hubert makes a motion to not recommend Article #2

Rich seconds it, Motion carries to not recommend Article#2

Article #2 is not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article #3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,677 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 16 at the 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of performing the assessing statistical update of the real estate in the Town of Winchester?

(Recommended by the BOS)

Sherm makes a motion to recommend Article #3

Dawn seconds the motion.

Article #3 is recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article #4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$18,000 to be deposited in the Evergreen Expendable General Care Trust Fund established by an affirmative vote by the 1998 Town Meeting as Article 11; the source of funds to be withdrawn from the surplus generated by the perpetual care funds already established for the care and maintenance of lots within the Evergreen Cemetery, and not from taxation.

(Recommended by the BOS)

Sherm makes a motion to recommend Article #4

Margaret seconds the motion.

Article #4 is recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article #5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund established under Article #17 at the 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of future upgrades and repairs at the Town Hall?

(Recommended by BOS)

Lengthy discussion on Article #5

Dawn makes a motion to not recommend Article #5

Jacqui seconds it.

Article #5 is not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article #6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of environmental monitoring on the property formerly owned by the A.C. Lawrence Leather Company, if so ordered by the State? This fund to lapse at the end of this fiscal year.

(Recommended by the BOS)

Sherm makes a motion to Recommend Article #6.

Margaret seconds it.

Article #6 is recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article #7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to support the annual Pickle Festival?

(Recommended by the BOS)

Margaret makes a motion to recommend Article #7

Sherm seconds the motion.

Budget Committee recommends Article #7 (6 yes 5 no)

No action is taken from the Budget Committee on Warrant Articles 8-11.

Article #2 is re-visited- the committee would like to see the wording changed on this article. The committee has a lengthy discussion, and decides that there are too many unanswered questions.

Petitioned Articles:

Trevor reads over the E.L.M.M Memorial Community Center:

We the undersigned voters of Winchester hereby petition for the following article to be placed on the Town Warrant in March of 2007:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of recreation in the Town of Winchester to be paid to the E.L.M. Memorial Community Center on a contractual basis.

Colleen makes a motion to recommend the E.L.M. Petitioned article.

Deb seconds it

Budget Committee recommends the E.L.M Petitioned article.

Trevor reads the next petition article.

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Winchester hereby petition for the following article be placed on the Town Warrant in March of 2007:

“Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) for the purpose of printing names on the War Memorial?”

Deb makes a motion to recommend the Printing of names on the War Memorial.

Colleen seconds it.

Budget Committee recommends the printing of names on the War Memorial.

Trevor reads the next petition article:

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Winchester, NH hereby petition for the following article to be placed on the Town Warrant in March 2007:

Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000) for the support of the Winchester Learning Center provided that the Winchester Learning Center raises an equal or greater amount from other sources?

Margaret makes a motion to recommend the \$6000

Colleen seconds it.

Budget Committee recommends the \$6000 for the Winchester Learning Center.

Next Petition Article:

Dawn explains the petition article to the committee.

Trevor reads the Petition Article:

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Winchester hereby petition for the following article be placed on the Town Warrant in March of 2007:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,800 (twenty-four thousand eight-hundred dollars) as the second year's payment for the five-year lease/purchase agreement (authorized by an affirmative vote on Article 15 of the 2006 warrant) for the 2006 highway truck and, should this article pass, remove the amount from the corresponding line and purpose in the operating budget to prevent a double appropriation?

A lengthy discussion on the above article.

Dawn makes a motion to recommend the sum of \$24,800

Rich seconds it.

Budget Committee recommends the \$24,800 for the 2nd years payment for the 2006 highway truck.

Colleen would like to go over the School's default budget and goes over the changes.

Colleen makes a motion to recommend \$9,681,872

Deb seconds it

Sherm makes a motion to reconsider Article #1 (School Budget)

Dawn seconds it.

Sherm makes a motion approve article # 1 as printed.

Budget Committee recommends School Article #1 as printed before them.

Deb makes a motion to adjourn

Hubert seconds it, motion carries unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted

Tracy L. Pelkey