

Town of Alton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Gilman Museum  
January 8, 2015  
Minutes  
Approved January 13, 2015

**I. Call to Order 6:30pm**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Andy McLeod, Chairman  
Roger Nelson, Vice Chairman  
John Markland, Member  
Terence O'Rourke, Member  
Lou Lacourse, Selectmen's Representative  
Steve Miller, School Board Representative

Ruth Messier, Member, Excused Absence

Other Attendees:

William Lander, Superintendent, ACS  
Kathy O'Blenes, Business Manager, ACS  
Robert Cullison, Superintendent PMHS  
Heidi Duford, Business Manager, PMHS  
Linda Wilman, Associate Principal, ACS

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**S. Miller requested to add Voting to Item VI, B. School Warrants and was seconded by L. Lacourse.**

**All were in favor of the approval of the Agenda as amended.**

**V. Public Input**

None  
Public input closed

**VI. New Business**

**A. School Budget Presentation and Voting**

K. O'Blenes provided the Committee with a hand out of a revised summarization of all functions which includes the new health and dental rates and the new transportation rates and a listing of the ACS and PMHS Warrant Articles.

K. O'Blenes provided the Committee with an update to the proposed budget noting that there was a 21.2% increase in health care.

The Committee discussed the proposed budget.

**S. Miller motioned to accept the bottom line proposed budget as presented and was seconded by J. Markland.**

**The Budget Committee votes 4-2 in favor with LL and RN voting against.**

**B. School Warrants and Voting**

**Warrant Article No. 2**

R. Cullison provided a history on the issues with the PMHS roof. There was also a discussion on the fire suppression system for the ACS.

**R. Nelson motioned to vote on Article 2 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

**The Budget Committee votes 3-1-2 with RN voting against and JM and SM abstaining.**

**Warrant Article No. 3**

Discussion

**L. Lacourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 3 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

**Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article No. 4**

**This article was previously voted on and the Budget Committee voted 4-2 in favor.**

**Warrant Article No. 5**

Discussion

**J. Markland motioned to table Warrant Article 5 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

**The Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor to table Article 5.**

**Warrant Article No. 6**

Discussion

**L. Lacourse motioned to accept Warrant Article 6 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

**Budget Committee votes 5-1-0 with RN voting against.**

**Warrant Article No. 7**

**S. Miller motioned to accept Warrant Article 7 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

Discussion

**Budget Committee votes 5-1-0 with RN voting against.**

**Warrant Article No. 9**

**J. Markland motioned to accept Warrant Article 9 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

**Budget Committee votes 4-2 in favor with RN and SM voting against.**

**Warrant Article No. 10**

**J. Markland motioned to accept Article 10 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

Discussion

**Budget Committee votes 3 -3 with RN, TO and SM voting against.**

**Warrant Article No. 11**

**S. Miller motioned to accept Article 11 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

Discussion

**Budget Committee votes 5-1 with RN voting against.**

**Warrant Article No. 12**

**S. Miller motioned to accept Article 12 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

Discussion

**Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article No. 13**

**S. Miller motioned to accept Article 13 as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

Discussion

**Budget Committee votes 6-0 in favor.**

**Warrant Article No. 12 – Reconsideration/Revote**

**L. Lacourse motioned to reconsider Article 12 and was seconded by R. Nelson**

**Budget Committee votes 3-2-1 with AM and TO voting against and JM abstaining.**

**L. Lacourse motioned to revote Article 12 and was seconded by R. Nelson.**

**L. Lacourse withdraws his motion and R. Nelson withdraws his second.**

**A. McLeod motioned to accept Article 12 as written and was seconded by T. O'Rourke.**

Discussion

**Budget Committee votes 2-4 with AM, RN, LL and JM voting against.**

There was a discussion on the meeting scheduled for January 13, 2015 regarding the posting of the meeting times and if it should be placed in the newspaper.

**VI. Public Input II**

None

Public Input II closed

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Approval of meeting minutes**

- a. Correction of voting record

R. Nelson motioned to accept the corrected meeting minutes of December 16, 2014 and was seconded by T. O'Rourke with all in favor.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 13, 2015 at 6:00pm to be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room. This meeting date will be confirmed.

**X. Other Business**

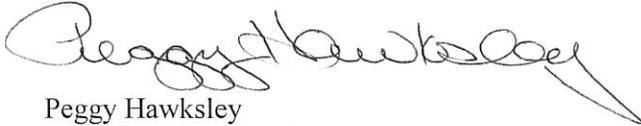
There was further discussion on the Road Reconstruction Bond.

**X. Adjourn**

**R. Nelson motioned to adjourn and was seconded by T. O'Rourke and passed with all in favor.**

**Adjourned 8:45pm**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Hawksley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary

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