

Town of Alton  
Budget Committee Meeting  
October 25, 2012  
Minutes  
Approved October 30, 2012

Call to Order 6:20 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Input I**

None seen or heard.

Public Input I Closed

**Roll Call**

Greg Fuller, Member

Marc DeCoff, Selectmen's Representative

Andy McLeod, Chairman

Krista Argiropolis, School Board Representative

Karl Ingoldsby, Member

John Markland, Vice Chairman

Barbara Howard, Member, Excused Absence

**Other Attendees:**

R. Bailey, Town Administrator

John Dever, Code Enforcement

Tom Sargent, Assessor

Ryan Heath, Alton Chief of Police

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**A. McLeod recommended putting the meeting minute approval in abeyance for the duration of the budget meetings and put it forth as a motion towards the Committee.**

K. Argiropolis asked that the minutes tentatively be put at the end of the meeting and then add them to another meeting if it runs late.

There was a discussion and it was agreed that they would be discussed at the end of the meetings.

**M. DeCoff motioned to add Approval of the Agenda after Public Input I, seconded by A. McLeod.**

**Vote: AM Yes, MD Yes, GF Yes, KA Yes, KI Yes, motion approved 5-0. (J. Markland arrived late and was not present for this vote.)**

**K. Argiropolis motion to amend the Agenda to move the Meeting Minutes to end of meeting, seconded by A. McLeod.**

**Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, KA Yes, KI Yes, motion approved 5-0. (J. Markland arrived late and was not present for this vote.)**

**New Business**

**Code Official/Building Inspector – 4192**

John Dever III, Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Dever provided the Committee with a handout of a summary based on the past 4 years consisting of the operating budgets, expenditures and balances.

J. Markland arrived to the meeting.

**Assessing Department - 4193**

Tom Sargent, Assessor

**Animal Control – 4414**

Ryan Heath, Alton Chief of Police

There was a discussion on the 2012 Budget Committee's decision to move funds from the Police Department's full time officer's position and transfer it to a full time officer's position under Animal Control. It was suggested that the position be combined. M. DeCoff will take back to the selectmen.

**K. Ingolsby motioned to accept Animal Control – 4414 as presented for \$13,303.00, seconded by K. Argiropolis.**

**Vote: MD Yes, GF Yes, AM Yes, KA Yes, JM Yes, KI Yes, motion approved 6-0.**

**Police Department – 4210**

Ryan Heath, Alton Chief of Police

**Public Input II**

None seen or heard.

Public Input II closed

**Old Business**

A. McLeod informed the Committee that K. Roberts reported that 5 ½ miles of road was completed at a cost of \$1.054 million which equaled \$191,000.00 a mile.

K. Argiropolis informed the Committee that there is request to change the budget meeting dates for the School. They were originally scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and they would like to request a change to the 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The School budget will be available to the Budget Committee on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by K. Argiropolis to approve minutes of October 18, 2012 as presented, seconded by M. DeCoff**

Discussion: K. Argiropolis would like the vote checked for the Motion in the discussion area of the E-mails going out that were cc'd to everyone and for them to be submitted into the minutes. Also the motion by A. McLeod regarding the contact of the attorney should be by the Chair or Vice Chair believes this was a statement and not a motion. K. Argiropolis also believes she made a motion for the E-mail that B. Howard had sent to the attorney be included in the meeting minutes. The minutes of October 18, 2012 will be tabled until the motions have been confirmed. The Secretary will check the recording and report back to the Committee.

**K. Argiropolis motioned to table the minutes of October 18, 2012, seconded by M. DeCoff.**

**Vote: MD Yes, GF Yes, AM Yes, KA Yes, JM Yes, KI Yes, motion approved 6-0.**

**G. Fuller motioned to approve the minutes of October 23, 2012, seconded by M. DeCoff.**

Discussion: Under Planning Department – 4191 review punctuation, Ingldsby should read Ingoldsby, and on Page 3 of 3 Oblenes should read O’Blenes. Page 1 note Budget Committee absences.

**G. Fuller motioned that when a vote is taken, since the full names are already recorded, if it is easier, initials may be used and may be consolidated on who voted, seconded by K. Argiropolis. Vote: GF Yes, MD Yes, AM Yes, KA Yes, KI Yes, JM Yes, motion approved 6-0.**

**Motion by A. McLeod to accept the minutes of October 23, 2012 as amended, seconded by M. DeCoff.**

**Vote: GF abstained, MD Yes, AM Yes, KA Yes, JM Yes, KI Yes, motion approved 5-1 (GF).**

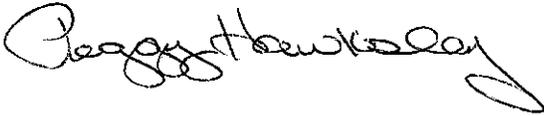
Next meeting date: Tuesday October 30, 2012

Motion to adjourn, Seconded by M. DeCoff, all in favor

Adjournment 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Hawksley  
Budget Committee Secretary  
Approved October 30, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Hawksley", written in a cursive style.