

Budget Committee
December 13th, 2017
7:00PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
Approved: January 17, 2018

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Charles Ragan, Cybele Merrick, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Eric Furstenberg, Erik Colberg, Dick Jones, Scott May, Susan MacKenzie, Wilkes McClave, School Board Chair Sam Levy, Principal Jeff Valance, Business coordinator Janet Mitchell.

Select Board members Jay Smith, Bradford Keith. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting.

Community members: David and Barbara Roby, David & Janice Santau.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Brotman.

1. The minutes of November 15th 2017 were reviewed:
 - Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of November 15th, 2017. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor with minor corrections.
2. Mr. Valance reviewed the school budget (see attachment). The budget committee reviewed various scenarios and information pertaining to Trust funds and Capital Reserve funds.
3. Mr. Valance reviewed the roof condition. The need for this to be repaired was discussed.
4. The busing company and associated costs was discussed.
5. No new strategic incentives are planned for this budget cycle.
6. The board will be discussing the full day Kindergarten at its next meeting.
7. At this time Chair Brotman polled the Budget Committee members to make sure all questions had been asked and answered.
8. The group reviewed high school tuition figures.
9. An option for solar panels to be added to the roof was discussed.
10. Public Comments: Mr. Roby discussed low interest loans. Ms Santau discussed the struggle some residents are having in paying their taxes, and asked if there was a way to keep things from increasing so rapidly.
11. The fact that the tax base is not increasing was noted as a problem that adds to the struggle to pay keep taxes down.
12. The Budget Committee asked the School to come back to the next meeting with some information on both busing costs, and the roof repair for the community/gymnasium.
13. After a review of the total budget request it was the sense of the budget committee to support this budget.
14. At this time it was felt that the January 3rd, 2018 meeting was not needed.
15. The next meeting will be January 17th, 2018 at 7 pm to review the School and Town budgets.
16. At 9:10 PM Mr. Jones moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. McClave. Voted unanimously in favor.

Dina Cutting