

**TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING**

January 12, 2017 7:00 PM

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

NEWMARKET SCHOOL BOND/BUDGET HEARING

Approved April 3, 2017

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Daniel V. Smith, William "Blue" Foster, Michael "Mickey" Burns, Jeff Raab, Meg Louney-Moore, Dan Hill, Ashley Bowley, Town Council Rep Toni Weinstein, School Board Rep Mike Kenison

EXCUSED: Chairman David Foltz, Craig Dionne

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Nathan Lunney, Vice-Chairman Elizabeth McKinney, Kimberly Shelton, Al Zink, School Superintendent Meredith Nadeau, School Business Administrator Lisa Ambrosio

AGENDA

Vice-Chair Dan Smith welcomed everyone to the January 12, 2017 meeting of the Newmarket Budget Committee and called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm at the conclusion of the School Bond/Budget Hearing. He said that Chairman Dave Foltz and Craig Dionne were unable to attend due to prior travel commitments.

Old Business - None

New Business - Warrant Articles

FY2018 Proposed School Budget and Warrant Articles – Superintendent Meredith Nadeau

Superintendent Nadeau presented the proposed Elementary School and Junior-Senior High School renovations/additions as part of the preceding School Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Smith said he would hold Public Comment on the two monetary Warrant Articles.

Warrant Article 02 – *For the Newmarket School District to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,943,083 for the construction of one combined project consisting of new additions and renovations to the Elementary and Junior/Senior High School.*

Vice-Chair Smith asked if there was any further Public Comment on *Warrant Article 02*. Councilor Thompson offered to repeat her earlier comments from the School Board portion of the meeting.

As there were no new comments from the Public, Mr. Hill made a motion to approve *Warrant Article 02* which was seconded by Mr. Raab.

Vice-Chair Smith polled the Budget Committee and *Warrant Article 02* passed unanimously (9-0).

Warrant Article 03 – *For the Newmarket School District to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amount of \$17,926,113 with a default budget of \$18,034,206.*

Vice-Chair Smith read *Warrant Article 03* to approve the School Operating Budget totaling **\$17,926,113** in full, and invited Public Comment. As no one from the Public came forward, Mr. Foster made a motion to approve *Warrant Article 03* which was seconded by Mr. Burns

Mr. Smith polled the Budget Committee and *Warrant Article 03* passed unanimously (9-0).

Comments

Mr. Kenison said he wanted to recognize the comments made by Councilor Thompson which he felt were very well taken and well stated, and also those by Mr. Simon. He said these were separate issues than what they were discussing tonight, and said the School Board was considering these issues with the best interests of the residents in mind. He said he hoped the Town respected the good judgement and stewardship of the School Board and said they would welcome further comment before they made a final decision. He said he appreciated everyone who came this evening to make their thoughts known.

Mr. Simon said he wanted to compliment everyone on all the committees for doing a great job.

Other Business

Next Budget Committee Meeting date to be determined.

Adjournment

Councilor Weinstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Hill. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary