

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

DECEMBER 17, 2018 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Approved January 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel V. Smith, Vice Chairman Jeff Raab, William “Blue” Foster, Dave Foltz, , Ashley Bowley, Robert Ortins, Town Council Rep Zachary Dumont, School Board Rep Elizabeth McKinney

EXCUSED: Michael “Mickey” Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Steve Fournier, Business Administrator Lisa Ambrosio

AGENDA

Chairman Dan Smith welcomed everyone to the December 17, 2018 Newmarket Municipal Budget Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of November 26, 2018

Mr. Foltz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of November 26, 2018, which was seconded by Ms. Bowley.

Vice-Chair Raab made corrections to page 2, third paragraph, to change a decimal point to a comma and add the word “to” before several increases.

Chairman Smith polled the Committee and the minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 9-0.

Approval of the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of December 10, 2018

Ms. McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of December 10, 2018, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Raab.

Chairman Smith stated that the comment on page 3 under *Discussion* regarding placement for Special Education should be attributed to Mr. Foltz.

Chairman Smith polled the Committee and the minutes of the Budget Committee of December 10, 2018 were approved as amended by a vote of 8-0 with 1 abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Budget Public Hearing FY2019/2020

Town Administrator Steve Fournier said the Town Council was proposing an FY2019/2020 Operating Budget of \$12,194,371 for an increase of \$53,537 over the previous year or 0.44%. He said Enterprise Funds were \$3,156,942 and all other funds increased \$161,733. He said the Council was proposing a General Expense Fund of \$7,836,346 with Special Revenues at \$1,201,083 and Enterprise Funds at \$3,156,942. He explained that the increases were \$30,000 for an Economic Development Consultant, \$124,125 for the first year of the Police Contract, \$22,000 for the Solid Waste Contract, and \$27,000 for the Recycling Contract.

Town Administrator Fournier said if the budget were to pass as is, the tax impact would be an increase of \$6.93 over the previous year. He said in addition the Town Council was proposing two potential Bonds to be voted on at Wednesday's meeting, the first being a \$2 million Bond for the armament and renovation of the Macallen Dam with an increase of \$0.06 the first year and \$0.23 for the second year. He said the second was an encompassing Water Project Bond of \$12.165 million which included the Bennett and Sewall Well facilities upgrades, water treatment for the MacIntosh and Tucker Wells, construction of the Tucker Well, and water main replacements for South Main Street, Bay Road and New Road, as well as a water main extension to Moody Point. He said the water bond would have no impact on the tax rate but would impact the water/sewer rates. He said users would see a \$.50 increase for 5 years and the average home would see an increase of \$24.00 annually.

Mr. Foster asked that if the Macallen Dam Bond passed, how the Capital Reserve Funds would be used. Town Administrator Fournier said the funds would be used to offset some engineering costs.

PUBIC COMMENT

Chairman Smith opened the meeting to Public Comment at 7:08 pm.

As no one from the public came forward, Chairman Smith closed Public Comment at 7:09 pm.

Chairman Smith called for a vote on whether the Budget Committee would recommend or not recommend the Town Proposed FY2019/2020 Budget of \$12,194,371.

Chairman Smith polled the Committee and the Town Proposed FY2019/2020 Budget of \$12,194,371 was approved and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0, with 1 abstention.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Foltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by a vote of 9-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary