

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2019 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Approved September 23, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael “Mickey” Burns, Vice Chairman Daniel V. Smith, Jeff Raab, Trevor MacDonald, Robert Ortins, Joe Lamattina, Christian Matthews, Town Council Rep Zachary Dumont, School Board Rep Elizabeth McKinney

EXCUSED: Roger Cady, Gary Swanson

AGENDA

Chairman Mickey Burns welcomed everyone to August 26, 2019 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 May 20, 2019

Mr. MacDonald made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of May 20, 2019 which was seconded by Vice-Chair Smith.

Changes/Corrections: Mr. Matthews twice changed the word “was” to *is* on page 3, paragraph 3.

Chairman Burns polled the Committee and the minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of May 20, 2019 were approved as amended by a vote of 8-0, with 1 abstentions.

Follow-up on Distribution of Budget Books

Chairman Burns thanked Town Administrator Steve Fournier and Executive Assistant Wendy Chase for getting the Budget Books together for the Committee.

Follow-up on Introductory Meetings with Town Department Heads

Chairman Burns asked if any Budget Committee members had been able to meet with Town Department Heads. Mr. Lamattina said he met with Environmental Services Director Sean Greig at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and said the Town had a first-class facility with a first-class group of people working there. He said they had the ability to double their capacity and Stratham was potentially looking to hook into Newmarket’s sewer system.

Mr. Matthews said he went with Roger Cady to see Police Chief True and said they have a very tight ship there. He said they also saw Rick Malasky at the Public Works Department and they talked about long-term items and some big Budget items they would be bringing up.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Chairman Burns said the next Budget Committee Meeting will be held September 23, 2019 in the Town Hall Auditorium at 7:00 pm, and he intended to reach out to the School Board and the Town Administrator to share some end-of-year numbers. He said for new members, they will have monthly meetings as usual for October and November but the frequency will pick up as they get closer to the Town Meeting. He said meeting dates would be organized around items and activities of when Budgets are submitted for the Town and the School. He said he hoped to have all dates confirmed by the September meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Smith said there were some personnel changes in SAU but he was not sure about Town Administration, and asked for clarification on what positions were changed.

Ms. McKinney said School Business Administrator Lisa Ambrosio had given notice and they had Dr. Susan Givens on-board as Superintendent. She said there may be 2 positions to fill, the Business Administrator and the Curriculum Coordinator. She said Shared Services as of now was not being considered for the Business Administrator position as the School wanted someone fulltime.

Councilor Dumont said a Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the School Board was coming up on September 25th and they would discuss Shared Services. He said everyone on the Town Council is still strongly in favor of Shared Services.

Vice-Chair Smith asked if Shared Services achieved what it was designed to do. Ms. McKinney said MRI had done the report for the Town and the School and felt a shared Finance position was doable but needed more thought and a better process. She said things were fine with the shared Facilities Director.

NEXT MEETING: September 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dumont made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. MacDonald. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

Chairman Burns adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary