

**TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 23, 2019 7:30 PM**

**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Approved March 25 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel V. Smith, William "Blue" Foster, Dave Foltz, Michael "Mickey" Burns, Ashley Bowley, Robert Ortins, Town Council Rep Zachary Dumont,

EXCUSED: Vice Chairman Jeff Raab, Trevor MacDonald, School Board Rep Elizabeth McKinney

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Meredith Nadeau, Business Administrator Lisa Ambrosio, School Board Chairman Kimberly Shelton

**AGENDA**

Chairman Dan Smith welcomed everyone to the January 23, 2019 Newmarket Municipal Budget Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of January 14, 2019**

Chairman Smith stated that they would postpone reviewing the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2019.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Smith stated that there were two (2) agenda items: a formal vote to recommend or not recommend the Town Warrant Articles on the Town Ballot, and the School District CBA Warrant Public Hearing

**TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Town Warrant Article 02 - Issuance of \$12.165M in Municipal Bonds for Water System Improvements**

Mr. Burns made a motion to approve Town Warrant Article 02 - Issuance of \$12.165M in Municipal Bonds for Water System Improvements.

Discussion: Chairman Smith read the final text of Town Warrant Article 02 - Issuance of \$12.165M in Municipal Bonds for Water System Improvements in full.

Chairman Smith polled the committee members and Town Warrant Article 02 - Issuance of \$12.165M in Municipal Bonds for Water System Improvements was approved by the Budget Committee unanimously by a vote of 7-0 to recommend.

**Town Warrant Article 03 - Issuance of \$2M in Municipal Bonds for Macallen Dam**

Mr. Burns made a motion to approve Town Warrant Article 03 - Issuance of \$2M in Municipal Bonds for Macallen Dam which was seconded by Mr. Foster.

Discussion: Chairman Smith read the final text of Town Warrant Article 03 - Issuance of \$2M in Municipal Bonds for Macallen Dam in full. Mr. Foltz said the amount of work put into this project for \$2M to fix some of the Town's problems was a great result, as they had talked about \$30M in the past. Chairman Smith said he wanted to echo the comments of Councilor Pike, and said this was quite a deal and voting against it would not likely produce any savings for the Town. He said Newmarket would be deemed in non-compliance by the State and fined, and this issue would ultimately need to be dealt with.

Councilor Dumont said when he first started on the Council he was not convinced, but said the effort that went into the project was one of the wisest decisions the Town had made and he was confident about the expenditures. Chairman Smith said it was nice to see the Macallen Dam finally come to a resolution.

Chairman Smith polled the committee members and Town Warrant Article 03 - Issuance of \$2M in Municipal Bonds for Macallen Dam was approved unanimously by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 to recommend.

**PUBIC HEARING:**

**School District Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Warrant Article 03**

Chairman Smith opened the Public Hearing on *School District Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Warrant Article 03* at 8:43 pm.

As no one from the public came forward, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 8:43 pm.

Mr. Foltz made a motion to approve the recommendation of the *School District CBA – Warrant Article 03*, which was seconded by Councilor Dumont.

Discussion: Chairman Smith read *School District Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Warrant Article 03* in full as approved and voted on by the School Board. He clarified that the estimated increases were not cumulative, but School Board Chairman Kimberly Shelton said that next year's addition would go on top of the starting salary and become the new starting point. Chairman Smith said then it would be cumulative in that sense.

Chairman Smith polled the committee members and *School District CBA – Warrant Article 03* was approved by the Budget Committee unanimously by a vote of 7-0 to recommend.

**COMMENTS – None**

**OTHER BUSINESS** – None

**NEXT MEETING:** Date to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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 7-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary