

**TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

JANUARY 30, 2023 6:30 PM

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Approved March 20, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael LaBranche, Vice-Chair Christopher Wolfe, Ned Carpenter, Brian Hickey, Danielle Honan, Town Council Rep Brian Ward

Excused: Richard Lesavoy, Roger Cady, School Board Rep Dan Smith

Chairman Michael LaBranche welcomed everyone to the January 30, 2023 Municipal Budget Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman LaBranche opened the Public Forum; seeing nobody in the audience he closed the Public Forum at 6:31 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Town Financials/Discuss School Financials

Chairman LaBranche said no reports were received from Town or School on Financials. He said he believed the School Financials would be available after they meet this Thursday.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of 12-19-2022 – No changes

Motion: Vice-Chair Wolfe made a motion to approve the Meeting minutes of December 19, 2022;

Seconded: Mr. Carpenter; **Vote:** All in favor 6-0

Meeting Minutes of 1-9-2023 – No changes

Motion: Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of January 9, 2023;

Seconded: Mr. Carpenter; **Vote:** all in favor 6-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman LaBranche said the Deliberative Session will be held this Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Town Hall Auditorium with School at 9:00 am and Town at 10:00 am; Budget Committee is requested to attend. He asked members to notify him if they could not make it.

Chairman LaBranche said this past year the Budget Committee was down 2 people and he was not sure if enough people were interested to fill the 9 spots, plus a School Board Rep and a Town Council Rep, and

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suggested the number possibly be reduced to 7 or 5 depending on turnout. Vice-Chair Wolfe said they would have to research whether that is council-driven or is part of our by-laws.

Chairman LaBranche said it may need to be voted on. He said he tried to make it as easy as possible alternating the Town and School but that may have backfired. The Date set for the Organizational Meeting is March 20, 2023 in the Auditorium and Vice-Chair Wolfe will be starting that meeting.

Vice-Chair Wolfe thanked Chairman LaBranche for his leadership this past year and said he felt alternating School and Town was a good idea.

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ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ward, all in favor 6-0.

Chairman LaBranche adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary