

DRAFT MINUTES  
BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING  
JANUARY 5, 2015

PRESENT: John Veaser, Chairman, Ron Stanley, Becky Doyle, Wendy Freeman, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

The Committee reviewed the warrant articles and made their recommendations:

Article for highway block grant – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for \$350,000 for roads – Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1.  
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Article for cyclical revaluation – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for the library – Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1.  
Article for salary increases – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for administrative support – Not recommended by the Budget Committee 2-2.  
Article for salary adjustments – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for capital reserve accounts – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for fill at Dam Site 35 – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for health services – Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1.  
Article for pedestrian safety improvements – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for ambulance services – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for fire truck – Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0.  
Article for Fred Giamo building – Not recommended by the Budget Committee 0-4.

The warrant articles were reviewed to determine the total amount being requested between the budget and the warrant articles. The warrant articles totaled \$1,616,000. The operating budget approved by the Committee is \$2,539,838.

John recommended adding \$7,400 to the Parks and Recreation budget for repair of the basketball court. Wend made that motion, seconded by John. The motion failed with a vote of two in favor and two against. Recommendation was made to the Selectmen to put the \$7,400 in a warrant article and to create a Parks and Recreation expendable trust.

John made a motion to add \$8,000 to the BOS health insurance. Ron seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 in favor and 1 opposed.

Based on estimated revenues of \$1,263,900 and including the above changes the Town tax rate would be \$6.57.

The budget hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna  
Land Use Manager