

Budget Committee Minutes #711

September 17, 2020

Present: Lindsey Blake, Mike Bomba, Ken Howe, Karen Johnson, Dennis Nadeau, Bill Nebeski, Lisa Prince, Smokey Smith, Peter Zavorotny, Selectmen Rep Steve Diorio: School Rep Holly Kennedy.

Absent: None

Excused: None

Acting Chair, Zavorotny called the meeting to order at 6:02.

Mr. Howe moved to accept the minutes for meeting #710. Ms. Prince seconded and passage was unanimous.

Business moved to appointing of officers. Ms. Johnson moved to nominate Mr. Nadeau for Chair. Mr. Nebeski seconded. Mr. Smith moved nominations cease. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Diorio moved Mr. Howe for Vice Chair. Mr. Nebeski seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Zavorotny commented that a secretary should be assigned. No committee member was interested in that position. It was decided that the committee would like to have Kim Worden (Selectmen Secretary) take notes if Ms. Collins is not available. Mr. Diorio will look into this with the selectmen.

Mr. Nadeau allowed Mr. Zavorotny to continue presiding.

Ms. Prince commented that some committee members are uncomfortable with the rule of the Chair voting only to break a tie. Ms. Blake moved the chair have the same voting option as other members. Ms. Prince seconded. There was extensive debate on what that actually accomplished as the ability to break a tie really carries the option to vote. This made the assignment unnecessary Ms. Prince withdrew her second. Ms. Blake withdrew her motion. Ms. Blake moved to state the chair has the voting rights as stated in Roberts Rules. Ms. Prince seconded Mr. Howe moved to table. Second was by Mr. Nadeau. The motion carried with Nebeski, Kennedy, Prince and Blake voting no.

Mr. Nadeau took the chair at this point.

Ms. Kennedy supplied a tentative schedule which puts the first look at it by the budget committee into January 2021. This is driven by several concerns about the virus, contract negotiations and school board budget reviews.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, October, 28, 2020 at 6:00.

Mr. Diorio moved to adjourn, Mr. Howe seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Zavorotny

Acting Chair