

Budget Committee Minutes #713  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Present: Lindsey Blake; Mike Bomba; Ken Howe; Karen Johnson; Dennis Nadeau; Bill Nebelski; Lisa Prince; Smokey Smith; Peter Zavorotny; and Selectmen Rep Steve Diorio.

6:10 p.m. Meeting called to order.

The following members participated via ZOOM –Lindsey Blake; Holly Kennedy; Peter Zavorotny.

Chairman Nadeau discussed a proposed agenda – roll call; minutes; old business; and new business.

Nebelski made a **motion to approve** the minutes of Meeting #710; #711; and #712, second by Howe. Motion passes unanimously.

In reference to the minutes of August 26, 2020, Smith wanted to clarify that the budget committee has no authority to hire or note hire staff, the authority is with the Selectmen as managers of municipal affairs.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding the chairman voting. Nadeau clarified that he will vote in all decision-making processes.

Discussion took place regarding the committee having alternates. The process of selection was discussed – committee makes recommendation to the Selectmen for final approval. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** having one member as an alternate, second by Prince. The motion passed 7-3 with 1 abstention.

The committee will look into a procedure for an alternate and will appoint an alternate next year.

The following budgets were discussed:

**Police Dept** – TA Collins discussed the salaries and incentive program; informed the committee regarding the increase in the retirement system – 33.88%.

**Emergency Management** – Discussion took place regarding the value of having an emergency management office. The committee would like to have the Emergency Management Director in to discuss their budget and the need to have training when no activity has been taking place.

**Fire Department** – General discussion regarding the budget.

General discussion took place regarding the sidewalk project. The project will be bid for spring construction.

General discussion regarding the bridge project and the proposed boat landing.

7:22 p.m. Nebelski made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins  
Town Administrator