

Budget Committee

Meeting # 680

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Present: : Megan Bassett, Lindsey Blake, Joseph Conroy , Kayla Hemlow, James MacDonell, William Nebelski, Edwin Smith, Peter Zavorotny, Sean Leary (School Board Rep), and Steve Diorio (Selectman Rep).

Excused, Lewis Major

6:30 p.m. Chairman Zavorotny called the meeting to order.

Mr, MacDonell moved to accept the minutes for meeting 679 as presented. Mr. Nebelski seconded and passage was unanimous.

Ms. Hemlow brought the committee up to date on status of the Elementary School addition. The state funding has been received and is held in a special account. The bond for Town funding will be bought in January. Architect and Clerk of the works are on board for final design work. About \$200,000 has been spent to date on startup costs, etc. Actual construction will start as soon as the ground is thawed next spring.

Mr. Zavorotny will be meeting with Tom O'connor to discuss the budget format and backup methods.

Town budget request books were distributed. A few department projections still need to be added. Ms. Collins will have those for the November 20 meeting.

Mr. Smith commented on some possible sources of revenue: the KENO lottery will come up for vote at the next election and the legislature is considering allowing towns to offer businesses a flat evaluation for some years as an incentive to move into localities.

The tax rate is expected to be \$30.41. State confirmation is pending. Comparisons to earlier tax bills will be difficult as much of the increase is driven by the revaluation.

The Grand List was reduced some \$10,000,000 with the recent revaluation.

Next Meeting: Will be Monday, November 20, 2017 in the PD. This is the first of two joint meetings with the Selectmen to discuss proposed budgets.

6:48 p.m. MacDonell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nebelski. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Zavorotny
Secretary Protem

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