

Public Hearing Minutes

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Present: Lindsey Blake; Mike Bomba; Alex Duso; William Hodgman; Ken Howe; Karen Johnson; Bill Nebelski; Janice Nichols; Selectmen Rep. Steve Diorio. Dennis Nadeau excused.

6:02 p.m. Vice-Chairman Howe called the meeting to order.

6:03 p.m. Blake made a **motion to recess the meeting** so they can continue discussion of the Budget Meeting with the School Board, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

6:28 p.m. Vice-Chairman Howe re-opened the public hearing.

Hinsdale School District Warrant was presented.

Article 01 Operating Budget. The operating budget request is for the amount of \$15,886,288. Nebelski made a **motion to discuss amending** Article 1 from \$15,886,288 to \$15,736,288, second by Howe. Discussion took place regarding the amendment and prior discussion that took place at budget meetings with the School Board. Diorio requested that the board move the to discuss cutting the budget by \$150,000.

Nebelski made a **motion to reduce** the School District Budget by \$150,000 bringing the budget to \$15,736,288, second by Howe. Vote is as follows: 3 yes/7 no. Motion fails.

Discussion took place regarding the budget has already been reduced by \$52,579.31. The amount of \$15,886,288 includes that reduction. \$13,943,863.92 represents the amount of the budget that is not food and grants.

Diorio made a **motion to approve** \$13,943,863.92 which represents the \$52,579.31 cut and the amount not including food and grants, second by Kennedy. Vote is as follows: 5 yes/5 no. Voted tied. Motion fails.

Further discussion took place regarding cutting \$47,420.70 from the \$15,886,288 to reduce the amount to \$5,838,867.

Nebelski made a **motion to approve** the Article 10 Operating Budget in the amount of \$15,838,867, second by Duso. Vote is as follows: 7 yes/3no. Motion passes.

Article 02 Negotiated Cost Items. It was noted that the Fiscal Year dates should be 2023; 2024; and 2025. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** Article 2 with the changed dates, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously 10 yes – 0 no.

Article 03 Replace Bleachers. Nebelski made a **motion approve** Article 3 in the amount of \$85,000 to replace the bleachers, second by Blake. Motion passes 9 yes – 1 no.

Article 04 Transfer to Expendable Trust Fund from Fund Balance. Diorio made a **motion to approve** Article 04 in the amount of \$25,000 to be added to the School Building Maintenance expendable trust fund, second by Duso. Motion passes 10 yes – 0 no.

Article 05 Transfer to Expendable Trust Fund from Fund Balance. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** Article 05 in the amount of \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education expendable trust fund, second by Blake. Motion passes 10 yes – 0 no.

7:41 p.m. Discussion on the Town Budget was opened. Bomba was excused.

Article 4 – Operating Budget. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** the operating budget in the amount of \$4,667,725, second by Duso. Motion passes 8 yes – 1 no.

Article 5 – Water Department Operating Budget. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** the Water Dept operating budget in the amount of \$551,666, second by Duso. Motion passes unanimously 9 yes – 0 no.

Article 6 – Sewer Treatment Operating Budget. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** the Sewer Treatment Plant Operating budget in the amount of \$412,933, second by Duso. Motion passes 7 yes – 2 no.

Article 7 – Trackless Sidewalk Tractor. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** Article 7 in the amount of \$39,989, second by Duso. Motion passes 9 yes – 0 no.

Article 8 – Refurbish 1989 Fire Truck. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** Article 8 in the amount of \$58,000, second by Duso. Motion passes 9 yes – 0 no.

Article 9 – Dodge Charger. Duso made a **motion to approve** Article 9 in the amount of \$49,000, second by Hodgman. Motion passes 9 yes – 0 no.

Article 10 – FD Breathing Apparatus. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** Article 10 in the amount of \$12,000, second by Duso. Motion passes 9 yes – 0 no.

Article 11 – Town Hall Improvement Fund. Diorio made a **motion to approve** Article 11 in the amount of \$10,000, second by Nebelski. Motion passes 9 yes – 0 no.

Article 12 – Community Center Improvement Fund. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** Article 12 in the amount of \$10,000, second by Duso. Motion passes 9 yes – 0 no.

Article 13 – Historical Society. Diorio made a **motion to approve** Article 13 in the amount of \$10,000, second by Blake. Motion passes 8 yes – 1 no.

Article 14 – Cemetery Expansion Fund. Nebelski made a **motion to approve** Article 14 in the amount of \$19,555, second by Hodgman. Motion passes 9 yes – 0 no.

8:15 p.m. The public hearing closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins

Town Administrator