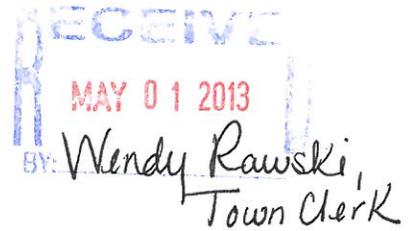


ELIOT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
ELIOT TOWN HALL, LARGE MEETING ROOM



PRESENT: Rebecca Davis, Bill Jacques, Bob Fisher, Ed Strong (via Skype), John Reed
ABSENT: Jeff Pelkey

Attendees: Portsmouth Herald Reporter, Grant Hirst, Bob Pomerleau, Donna Murphy

Meeting opened at 6:03PM

1. Review and Approve minutes

Motion by Jacques, 2nd by Fisher to accept the minutes of January 22, 2013; February 12, 2013; February 26, 2013 and March 5, 2013 as submitted. VOTE: 4-0, Chair concurs.

2. The chair asked Robert Fisher to speak about the possibility of amending the warrant article to effectually remove salaries from the Department's budgets. The reasoning behind this is because with union negotiations not finalized we don't know what the final outcome of salaries will be. Bob said he believed that the wage amounts could be taken out of the articles and then voted on separately. The wording of the amendment would have to be handed, in writing, to the moderator. If the moderator voices an objection to this then it could be appealed and taken to the floor of the meeting for a vote. It was CONCENSUS that the Budget Committee first suggested to the Selectmen that they do this but if they won't then the Budget Committee would be prepared to do it.

3. Review and vote on Budget Committee Recommendations on Warrant articles for Special Town Meeting on March 23, 2013.

Article #2:

Motion by Reed, 2nd by Strong to reduce the amount by \$15,000 – taking out the amount designated for “Legal, implementation and administration” and to explain that the vote is made due to inadequate information as to just what this money will be used for. VOTE: 4-0, Chair concurs.

Article #3:

Motion by Strong, 2nd by Fisher to recommend -\$0-. With the explanation that the Budget Committee believes there is sufficient money in this account so that this vote can wait until June. VOTE 4-0, Chair concurs.

Article #4:

Motion by Reed, 2nd by Fisher to recommend -\$0-. With the explanation that this vote can wait until June. VOTE: 4-0, Chair concurs.

Article #5:

Motion by Reed, 2nd by Fisher to recommend -\$0-. With explanation that this vote can wait until June. VOTE: 4-0, Chair concurs.

Article #6:

Motion by Strong, 2nd by Fisher to recommends: \$26,000.

Article #7:

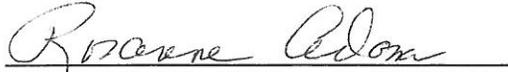
Motion by Fisher, 2nd by Reed to recommend -\$0-. With explanation that this vote can wait until June.

There was a CONCENSUS to include explanations on the warrant articles along with the Budget Committee's recommendations.

4. There was a CONCENSUS to cancel next week's scheduled Budget Committee meeting and to have John Reed and Rebecca Davis review budget topics in preparation for the next Budget Committee meeting, which is scheduled for March 26, 2013.

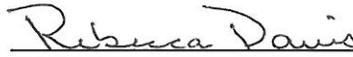
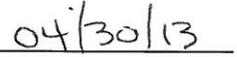
Meeting closed at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosanne Adams, Secretary

Approved by,

Rebecca Davis, Chairman Date