

ELIOT BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 9, 2013

PRESENT: Rebecca Davis, William Jacques, Phil Lytle, Donna Murphy, Edward Strong
Rosanne Adams and Robert Fisher arrived at 6:30 PM

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM.

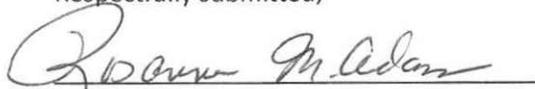
BUSINESS

1. Pay to Throw – discussion on whether to endorse the program.
VOTE: 6-0 [Chair concurs] to endorse the program for the trial period set by the Board of Selectmen.
Chair will write letter to the Solid Waste / Recycling Committee informing them of the decision.
2. Election of officers: Chairman – Rebecca Davis VOTE: 6-0 [Chair concurs]
Vice Chairman - Phil Lytle VOTE: 6-0 [Chair concurs]
Secretary – Rosanne Adams VOTE: 6-0 [Chair concurs]
3. Referendum in August – Discussed was the decision of the Selectmen to give two options on the ballot. CHOICE A - vote to exceed LD1 and go with just votes at the June Town Meeting, or CHOICE B - vote for budget reductions put forward by Selectmen - which will keep the budget under the LD1 limit. Several felt that re-voting the LD1 was not legal and that the cuts proposed by the Selectmen were meant to cause an emotional reaction by the townspeople, that would cause townspeople to reject them. Several felt that we need to wait for the letter from the Maine Attorneys General who has been asked to comment on the legality of the re-consideration of the LD1 question at a subsequent town referendum. Discussed was the Budget Committee presenting its own list of cuts for consideration by the Selectmen. Mike Moynahan, who was present, was asked about this and said that because “appropriations” were not being voted on the Budget Committee is not being asked to be involved in this. Donna Murphy presented a list of possible cuts as an alternative to the Selectman’s but no action was taken.

It was AGREED that the chair will write a letter to the Selectmen citing the appropriate part of the Maine Statute that we believe confirms that a re-vote cannot be done and asking where in the Statute they read that they can.
4. General Discussion
The Chair asked that members give thought to specific, obtainable goals for the coming budget season.
5. Next Meeting – 2nd Tuesday in August. AGREED that the start time will be 6:30 PM.

Meeting closed at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Rosanne Adams, Secretary

Approved by,

 09-10-13
Rebecca Davis, Chairman Date