

Present: Donna Murphy (Chair), Robert Fisher (arrived 6:50pm), Edward Strong, Rosanne Adams (arrived 6:60pm), Phil Lytle, Bill Jacques.

Also present:

Meeting opened at 6:30PM.

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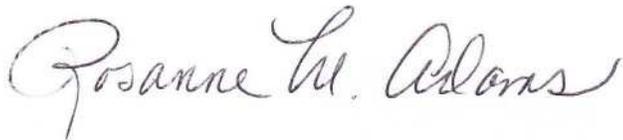
1. Approval of minutes – NONE
2. Public Comment – Robert Pomerleau said that he had talked w/ the Town Clerk and Town Manager about placing the budget on a referendum and that they seemed favorable to it but it was too late to be considered for the last election.. Strong said he thought the method of voting might have to be changed by petition but Mr. Pomerleau was not sure of that. Mr. Pomerleau pointed out that if neither the BOS or Budget Committee recommendations were accepted then the budgets would revert to last year’s figures.
3. There was discussion on union contracts and the budget. It was suggested that salaries and benefits be a separate line item (warrant) so that the town could have more control over them. Without it being separate the monies could be taken from somewhere else in the budget to meet the “bottom line” figure. Mr. Pomerleau suggested that there could be a provision in the Charter that is now in the process of being drawn up which could provide for labor contract to be approved by the voters before being signed by the BOS. Fisher wondered if this couldn’t be applied to other contracts such as the school.
4. Confirmation of BC members who have completed the FOAA training: Strong, Fisher, Adams, Murphy, Jacques. Lytle is going to check and report back.
5. Review of the By-laws –
 - a. Ed – need to change .
 - b. Rosanne - #6: BOS will have to rework the dates, times of budget process.
 - c. Bob F. – Need to look at language re: appointment of BC members when there is a vacancy. #13 – the BOS does not have the right to call for a person’s resignation – has to be by voter recall.
 - d. #4- Need to look at what is needed for a quorum.
 - e. #7 – What happens if state changes voting by telephone? Ed noted that the selectmen have addressed this. Donna noted that the charter won’t be voted upon for some time so need to look at this now.
 - f. Robert Pomerleau noted that there is conflicting language between the BOS policies and the Budget Committee Procedures and Guidelines that need to be addressed especially the Appointment for Vacancies issue. Ed said that it will go in the Charter that way - that the BC will have the right to appoint its members when there is a vacancy).
 - g. It was agreed that this will be discussed further at the September meeting.
6. Review of 2014-15 Meeting Schedule- It was AGREED that the Town Manager will be invited to the November meeting to discuss his goals, recommendations and time line.

7. Review of Goals for upcoming year - It was suggested that the BC hold a public input session after the tax bill goes out.
8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Further review of By-laws

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm upon motion by Strong, 2nd Fisher. Vote- 5-0, Chair concurs.

Next Meeting: September 9th at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by



Rosanne Adams, Recording Sec.

Date Approved: October 14 2014