FEB 23 2015

Eliot Budget Committee Meeting
December 9, 2014

Present: Donna Murphy (Chair), Robert Fisher (Vice-chair), Bill Jacques, Phil Lytle, Cindy Saklad and Ed Strong. Absent: Rosanne Adams

1. Meeting opened at 6:30.

2. Approval of minutes.

   Public Comment: Resident Jan Saurman submitted a list of suggested changes for the Budget Committee by laws. Ms Saurman questioned if there was a mission statement available for the public to read. Response: The former Chair is going to locate the mission statement and forward a copy to the Committee.

3. Review of the revised Budget Committee by law and B. o. S. comments.

   Paragraph #2. Motion by Bill Jacques, second by Cindy Saklad to add, "and shall be filled by members of the current elected committee." Vote 5-0

   Paragraph #6. Motion by Robert Fisher, second by Bill Jacques to revert to the previous language and read, "The Chair of the Committee shall vote only in the case of a tie vote of members present." Vote 5-0

   Paragraph #8. Motion by Ed Strong, second by Robert Fisher to change language to read, "The minutes shall be reviewed and approved or amended at the next regular meeting and then submitted to the Town Clerk for filing purposes as soon as possible." Vote 5-0

   Paragraph #10. Motion by Ed Strong, second by Cindy Saklad to add, "and agenda". Vote 5-0

   Paragraph #11. Motion by Ed Strong, second by Cindy Saklad to change to, "The Budget Committee may establish an annual budget to cover its administrative activities." Vote 5-0

   Resident Jan Saurman questioned the lack of mention regarding attendance. Ed Strong stated it was taken out because no one can remove an elected official if they do not attend.

   Paragraph #14. Motion by Ed Strong, second by Robert Fisher to add, "that come before the town for a vote." Vote 5-0

   Paragraph # 17. Motion by Robert Fisher, second by Ed Strong to change the language to read, "The Budget Committee may request through the Town Manager, the attendance of a representative or member of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager or

any Department or Agency where the Committee determines their presence is necessary." Vote 5-0

Paragraph #19. Motion by Bill Jacques, second by Ed Strong to add the word, "qualified". Vote 5-0

4. Discussed goals for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

5. No comments from the Committee regarding the October Expense and Revenue Summary Reports.

6. Motion to adjourn by Robert Fisher, second by Bill Jacques to adjourn. 5-0

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Murphy, Chair

01/13/2015
Date