

**ELIOT BUDGET COMMITTEE, SPECIAL MEETING**

**September 14, 2015**

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Present: Donna Murphy (Chair), Brad Hughes, Jim Tessier, Ed Strong

Absent: Denny Lentz (out of town), Phil Lytle

Public: 5 members were present

Meeting opened at 6:30.

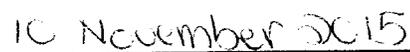
1. Discussion of warrant article requesting a \$1.5 million bond to fund repairs of the sewer with sewer users paying 100% of the cost.
  - a. Public Comment. Bill Selsberg and Carol Selsberg requested that the Budget Committee reject 100% of the costs being charged to the sewer users. Jack Dougherty submitted a letter stating his views against sewer expansion. Rose Dougherty spoke in favour of the Budget Committee not supporting the article.
  - b. Discussion by the Committee for and against the sewer users being charged for 100% of the costs. Ed explained for those present who questioned modifying the article that the vote is to support or not support the article. The Budget Committee can't change the wording, the amount or the scope. Jim Tessier explained that it is not like Town Meeting where the Board of Selectmen recommended an amount and the Budget Committee can recommend another amount.
  - c. Motion of Edward Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Hughes to close public comment, VOTE: 3-0
  - d. Motion of Edward Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Hughes, for the Budget Committee to support the warrant article as approved by the Board of Selectmen. VOTE: 1-2. MOTION FAILS.
  - e. Further discussion.
  - f. Motion of Jim Tessier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Hughes that the Budget Committee recommends a NO vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to fund the bond 100% by sewer users. VOTE: 2-1
  - g. Jim Tessier requested that the Budget Committee confirm the figures presented by the Town Manager on the bond payments.

Meeting adjourned upon the MOTION of Brad Hughes, 2nd Ed Strong, VOTE: 3-0

Respectfully submitted by,



Donna Murphy, Chair



Date approved