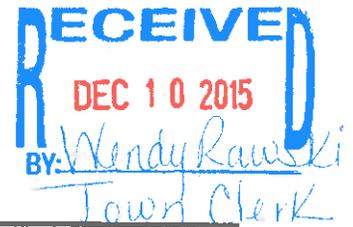


ELIOT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
November 10, 2015



Present: Donna Murphy (Chair), Brad Hughes, Denny Lentz, Phil Lytle, Dan Mannschreck, Ed Strong, Jim Tessier

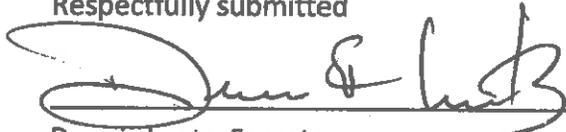
Public: 0 members were present

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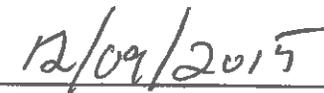
1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Chair.
 - a. The Chair introduced and welcomed newly elected member Dan Mannschreck.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. MOTION by Jim Tessier, 2nd by Ed Strong to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015. VOTE 5-0, Chair concurs.
 - b. MOTION by Jim Tessier, 2nd by Denny Lentz to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 as amended. Correction: 1D 2nd on motion was Brad Hughes not Jim Tessier.
 - c. VOTE 5-0, Chair concurs.
 - d. MOTION by Denny Lentz, 2nd by Ed Strong to approve the minutes of September 20, 2015. An email written by the Chair and sent to Committee members explaining the reason for calling the Special Meeting will be attached to the minutes. VOTE 5-0, Chair concurs.
3. Public Comment. None. No members of the public were present.
4. Discussion of items reviewed during the October joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen.
 - a. Jim Tessier introduced a document he produced to stimulate discussion about possible options that the Budget Committee could propose or recommend that might help to limit future increased in town spending. (*see attached document*)
 - b. Several options were discussed at length including a 0% increase in spending relative to the Federal COLA (0%), flat funding each department and limiting spending increases based on the previous year's increase in property value times the mil rate.
 - c. Discussion on the School Budget's impact on taxes. It was recognized that the Budget Committee does not make recommendations on the school budget. Discussion ensued about reviewing the SAD35 budget, State subsidies impact on the SAD35 budget and the role and responsibility of the Budget Committee informing residents about the impact on their taxes and how they can affect the outcome.
 - d. Discussion on wording of Budget Committee recommendation to be sent to the Town Manager.

- e. The Chair will contact the Town Manager to request the preliminary budget numbers for the December 8, 2015 Budget Committee meeting.
 - f. MOTION By Dan Mannschreck, 2nd by Jim Tessier to send the following recommendation letter to the Town Manager. "The Budget Committee's position for fiscal year 2016/2017 is that given the current economic conditions and Federal COLA of 0%, is that we recommend no increase in the municipal mill rate."
5. Review and discussion of September Expense and Revenue Summary Reports.
- a. Discussed the challenges of making comparisons between current and previous years reports.
 - b. Chair informed that the Town Manager releases the prior months reports the third week of the following month. Example: September's reports were released the third week in October.
6. Agenda items for December meeting requested.
7. Adjournment. MOTION by Ed Strong, 2nd by Brad Hughes to adjourn. VOTE: 6-0, Chair concurs. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

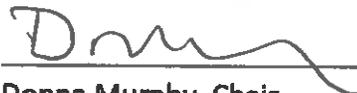
Respectfully submitted



Dennis Lentz, Secretary



Date Approved



Donna Murphy, Chair