

Eliot Budget Committee Meeting
December 13, 2016 Meeting

Members Present: Donna Murphy, (Chair), Jim Tessier, (Vice-Chair), Dennis Lentz (Secretary), Steve Furbish, Noah Lemire, Ed Strong.

Call to Order:

- Meeting was called to order @ 6:00 pm by the Chair (video streaming was used)

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of November 22, 2016 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Ed Strong to approve, 2nd by Steve Furbish. Vote 5/0 to accept. (Jim Tessier was not present for the 11/22 meeting and abstained)

Public Comment:

- One person from the public was present with no comment.

Nomination of vice-chair:

Nomination for the office of Vice Chair was necessitated due to the resignation of Brad Hughes. Discussion was held. Ed Strong made a motion to nominate Steve Furbish, 2nd by Noah Lemire. Donna Murphy made a motion to nominate Jim Tessier, 2nd by Dennis Lentz. Discussion was held and Ed Strong withdrew his motion. Vote 6/0 to appoint Jim Tessier as Vice-Chair.

Review and approval of By-laws

By-laws were reviewed. Noah Lemire made a motion to approve, 2nd by Ed Strong. The Committee voted 6/0 to approve.

Committee Vacancy and term limits

Due to the vacancy when Brad Hughes resigned (to take his seat on the Select Board) the committee took under consideration the posting of the vacancy. Jim Tessier made a motion to post the vacancy, 2nd by Ed Strong. The Committee voted 6/0 to post the vacancy.

Discussion was held regarding the current term limits. Budget Committee members serve a three-year term. Currently the open seats are voted on for three members one year, three members the following year and one member the following year for each three-year cycle. Discussion was held regarding the process to change to a two, two and three seat vote. This question had been previously posed to the Town Manager. As of this writing the Committee has not received a response. This question will be re-submitted to the Town Manager.

Budget Committee Member Reports/Comments:

No reports.

Adjournment:

- Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Noah Lemire, 2nd by Ed Strong. Vote 6/0 to adjourn.
- Committee adjourned @ 6:36

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis F. Lentz, Secretary

Date Approved: January 10, 2017

Donna Murphy, Chair