

Town of Eliot

Budget Committee Meeting

April 9, 2019

Budget Committee Members: Donna Murphy (Chair), Dennis Lentz (Secretary), Ed Strong (via Skype), Brad Hughes, and Janie Wang. Jim Tessier unable to attend due to travel. Noah Lemire unable to attend due to work.

Call to Order:

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

Public Comment:

- No members of the public present.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Ed Strong, second by Denny Lentz to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes as written. Vote: 5-0 to approve.
- Motion by Brad Hughes, second by Denny Lentz to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes as written. Vote: 5-0 to approve.

Letter for Town Book

Motion by Janie Wang, second by Brad Hughes to approve the Letter for the Town Book as amended. Vote 5-0 to approve.

Budget Committee member reports and comments

- Donna stated that Jim would like the Committee to continue with Jim and Janie as the Library subcommittee. Brad stated that Jim made a statement that the library was looking to be funded the same as CSD. Donna stated that it was Jim who made the statement. Donna shared that she shared this information. Donna was talking with the President of the Friends of the Library who stated that one of the library's goals is to be funded like CSD. Donna pointed out to the president that the CSD has offsetting revenues. Brad stated then he has no issues. Brad stated the library is already well over what we fund the CSD. Bob Pomerleau stated he was concerned about the level the Budget Committee is involved to the point of bias. At some point he has concern about the Budget Committee involved in the development of the library's budget. Brad stated he had no concerns. Jim and Janie stay independent. Donna stated the goal is gather information not to develop the budget. Bob stated there was conversation about planning. Donna stated they should not be advising on any financial matters. Janie stated that Jim and she will not be sitting there working on their spreadsheets. What

are they thinking for revenues? What are you looking at for sustainability? Donna suggested putting on the agenda for May when Jim is present. All agreed. Next meeting is in May. Brad stated he may not be present in May due to travel. Ed stated he might be back by then or on the road. Ed will let us know how this works out.

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Adjournment

- Motion by Ed Strong, second by Denny Lentz to adjourn. Vote 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Murphy, Chair

Date Approved: May 14, 2019

Dennis F. Lentz, Secretary