

Town of Eliot

Budget Committee Special Meeting

March 17, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order @ 5:45 PM by the Chair.

Budget Committee Members: Donna Murphy, Brad Hughes, Denny Lentz, Ed Strong, Diane Holt, Jean Hardy, and Reggie Fowler. Ed Strong, Diane Holt, Jean Hardy, Brad Hughes and Reggie Fowler attended via Zoom.

Public Comment: No members of the public were in attendance; no one joined via Zoom during the meeting nor did anyone call in during the meeting.

Motion to Reconsider Library Vote:

- Donna stated that the Town Clerk informed her that the Budget Committee had to recommend an actual amount for the Fogg Library, and that our recommendation of "None of the Above" was unacceptable per the Town Charter. This is the reason for this special meeting.
- Donna made a motion to reconsider our previous vote concerning the Fogg Library, and Ed seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The meeting carried by roll-call vote 7-0.
- Donna then made a motion to recommend a budget of \$241,434 for the Fogg Library, and Ed seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried by roll-call vote 7-0.
- Brad then asked to make a statement. He said he has read the applicable sections of the Town Charter and cannot find anywhere in those sections that says we cannot make a recommendation for "None of the Above". Ed agreed. Brad further stated that it is probably best we not challenge this, but we do need to think about how we word our letter to the voters prior to the election. Donna agreed and said we should meet on March 23rd to discuss this. This ended the discussion.

Adjournment:

- Motioned by Ed, seconded by Diane to adjourn at 5:52 PM. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Murphy, Chair
Brad Hughes, Secretary

Date Approved: March 23, 2022