

Eliot Select Board
Special Meeting, March 15, 2018

Minutes

Present Acting Chair Jack Murphy, Richard Donhauser, Brad Hughes, Bob Pomerleau, Dana Lee, Becky Bergeron, various member of the public and Budget Committee

1. Open Workshop: Jack opened the meeting at 5:30 PM
2. Roll Call: The Chair noted the absence of Rebecca Davis who had called in shortly before the meeting.
3. Public Comment: Janet Saurman apologized if she spoke out of turn the other night and promises not to do so again. Suggested that people, stand and come forward to make comments. Said that public input needs to be made easier by the Select Board. She also suggested that the proposed TIF language include the ability to spend on Rte 236 sewer.
4. Final Vote on Budget Recommendations: The Town Manager said that the main reason for the meeting was to vote on all budget recommendations. He said the last best guesstimate at LD1 maximum allowed is \$130,800. Dana reviewed a couple of areas of potential difference between recommendations including the \$7,000 for the Streetlight Reserve. Discussed the repairs to traffic lights – also in this budget. The Select Board agreed to remove the \$7,000 as the Budget Committee had. Budget Committee Chairman Donna Murphy said that the Budget Committee did not vote on County Tax and asked about the solar bond amount \$175k vs. \$200k, and said one Budget Committee member voted “no” on the recommendations due to confusion. And that if it is to be \$200,000, then the vote changes to a “yes” vote. Please see attached record of recommended amounts, motions and votes for each budget article.
5. Review / Edit Citizen Option Agenda: It was noted that LD 1 cannot be fully finalized until after the Citizens Option, but that we should leave the LD 1 question in the Citizen’s Option agenda as “advisory.” It was noted that we should add last year’s approved budget numbers. Dana said that Rebecca had asked him to suggest that we add a question to approve UFB up to \$40,000 to cover snow budget overage. The Board discussed but did not act. Jack and Brad both had some edits to make and submitted them to Dana.
6. Other Business: None
7. Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39. This was seconded by Brad and was so voted 4 – 0.

Approved: 4-12-18, DKL