

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2015

Members Present: Ruell, Cilley, Toth, DeWolfe, Coleman, Lamos, Badger, also alternates Newton and Liebert

Member Excused: Scarano

Others Present: A. Ulricson, G. Dion, M. Ormond, T. Temperino, S. Bartlett, S. Felton, J. Felton, E. Badger, A. Cilley, K. DeWolfe

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BUDGET

The Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Ashland School Budget began at about 7:00 p.m. in the Ashland School Cafeteria. The handout, the budget and the warrant articles were reviewed by Ruell. Questions were answered by school officials and Budget Committee members. The hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

SCHOOL BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend the proposed budget of \$3,229,365.

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend estimated revenues of \$914,964.

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend Article 2, on the salaries of school district officials.

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Toth, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend Article 4, for \$50,000 for the School Safety, Security and Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund.

WATER AND SEWER BUDGET

Water and Sewer Commissioners Badger and Cilley presented revised budgets for the Water and Sewer Departments and discussed those budgets with the Committee.

On a motion by DeWolfe, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 6 to 0, with 1 abstaining, to recommend the Sewer budget of \$377,070.

On a motion by Lamos, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 6 to 0, with 1 abstaining, to recommend the Water budget of \$202,550.

MINUTES

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Cilley, it was voted to correct the December 11 minutes, that the Committee voted to recommend a Sewer budget of \$540,720.

TOWN BUDGET

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Toth, it was voted 7 to 0 to approve the following changes to estimated revenues, Motor vehicle permit fees- \$304,780, Certificates-birth and death-\$1800; River Street grant \$14,147; Water grant-\$57,600; Transfer from trust accounts- \$75,000; Reimbursable grant, private-\$100, Police detail revenue- \$3230.

On a motion by Toth, seconded by Badger, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend \$10,250 for Property Taxation- Tax Map Update.

On a motion by Toth, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend the following in the Parks & Recreation budget- \$26,963 for Director's Salary, \$1749 for FICA and \$409 for Medicare.

TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

On a motion by Toth, seconded by Badger, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend the warrant article asking \$9478 for Pemi-Baker Community Health.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Ruell, it was voted 6 to 1 to recommend the warrant article asking \$1000 for CADY.

On a motion by Toth, seconded by Badger, it was voted 6 to 1 to recommend the warrant article asking for \$3500 for Genesis Behavioral Health.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend the warrant article asking for \$7000 for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.

(Selectman DeWolfe asked that it be noted in the minutes that he had voted on these issues the same as he had voted as a Selectman.)

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Toth, it was voted 7 to 0 to recommend the revised article for the Fire Engine/Pumper.

On a motion by Toth, seconded by DeWolfe, it was voted to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by David Ruell