

# ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 28, 2015

## MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Ruell, C. Cilley, S. Coleman, G. Dion, B. Hoerter, S. Downing, H. Lamos, N. DeWolfe, W. Durack (non voting, not sworn in)

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Lyford, T. Temperino, S. Bartlett

The meeting started at 6:00pm in the Elementary school library.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept Walter Durack to the budget committee. 8 members ayed. Durack to be sworn in by DeWolfe at tomorrow's meeting.

Dion brought up that the cost of fuel oil will be \$1.8548 per gallon for next year. On page 33 of the school budget, fuel oil--school board figure--should be changed to \$37,389. A savings of \$13,005.

### SCHOOL

#### TECHONOLOGY

Bartlett told us that the tech person said DNS content filtering system could be deducted from electronic info access.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to decrease electronic info access from \$9,080. to \$7,480. subtracting the \$1,600. from DNS content filtering system line. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dion to decrease the bottom line figure from \$99,333. to \$97,733. 5 ayed, 3 nayed.

Under replacement computers: \$1,200. Is for 2 new projectors for the smart boards.

#### CURRICULUM & DEVELOPMENT

Tech training is for teachers in the summer: ex. recertification, ect.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lamos to accept the figure of \$35,606. for Curriculum & development. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

#### LIBRARY & MEDIA SERVICE

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the figure of \$43,294. for library & media service. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

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SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dion to accept the figure of \$12,592. for school board service. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

AUDIT SERVICES

Hoerter made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeWolfe to accept the figure of \$9,825. for audit services. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

LEGAL SERVICES

Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeWolfe to accept the figure of \$8,000. for legal. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

SAU ADMIN

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coleman to accept the figure of \$87,629. for SAU admin. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL

Secretary salary went from 182 days to 190 days.

Team leader stipend went up due to another team leader was added so that each tier has a team leader.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lamos to accept the figure of \$209,600. for office of principal. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

OPERATION OF PLANT

Trash removal is negotiated yearly.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dion to accept the figure of \$312,386. for operation of plant including the decrease for fuel oil, (mentioned above). 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Repairs & maintenance—things were moved into this line from other lines.  
DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the figure of \$43,000. For Bldg.& equip. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

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CARE OF GROUNDS

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lamos to accept the figure of \$17,000. for care of grounds. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

REGULAR TRANSPORTATION

We are in year 3 of a 5 year contract.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the figure of \$44,922. for regular transportation. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

SPED TRANSPORTATION

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Downing to accept the figure of \$7,940. for sped transportation. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION

Downing made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the figure of \$3,600. for athletic transportation. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

CO-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION

This line has increased due to Bartlett putting back the middle school field trips. DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dion to accept the figure of \$10,650. for co-curricular transportation. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

HOMELESS TRANSPORTATION

Downing made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeWolfe to accept the figure of \$4,000. for homeless transportation. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

COST TO DISTRIBUTE

This is a merit pool for the 14 people in non-bargaining. DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Downing to accept the figure of \$6,246. for cost to distribute. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the figure of \$20,000. for transfer to food service. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

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FEDERAL GRANTS

Revenues offset this line. DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lamos to accept the figure of \$150,000. for federal grants. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

FOOD SERVICE FUND

Revenues offset this line. DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the figure of \$100,000. for food service fund. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

School warrant articles to be voted on by the school board by January 5, 2016. They will have them for us for the January 6, 2016 budget meeting.

Dion made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeWolfe to accept the figure of \$834,465. for total estimated revenue. 7 ayed, 1 absent

School portion of the budget was finished at 7:30pm.

MEETINGS

Next budget meeting is 12-29-15 @ 6:00pm in Elementary school library.

January 6, 2016 @ 6:30pm is the library bond hearing (Ruell suggested that the budget committee goes if possible). At 7:00pm the budget committee will meet in the school (place TBD) to go over town warrant articles, school warrant articles.

There is a consciences for the budget committee to stay until 9pm tonight. 8 agreed, 0 disagreed.

TOWN REVENUES

Dion made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the figure of \$111,860. for revenue from taxes (next year proposed figures include ones from land use tax, yield tax, payments in lieu of tax, earth excavation tax and interest & penalties). 7 ayed, 1 abstained

Lamos made the motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dion to accept the next year proposed figure of \$334,500. for other fees. 6 ayed, 0 nayed, 2 abstained.

Dion made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the next year proposed figure of \$202,331. for revenue from FED or ST or Trust. 6 ayed, 0 nayed, 2 abstained.

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Dion made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeWolfe to accept the next year proposed figure of \$200,377. for charges for services. 7 ayed, 0 nayed, 1 abstained.

TOWN EXPENDITURES

EXECUTIVE

Downing made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coleman to decrease mileage from \$600. to \$400. 6 ayed, 2 nayed.

Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Downing to decrease general expense from \$2,000. to \$750. (based on history) 6 ayed, 2 nayed.

Dion made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coleman to decrease EXEC training from \$600. to \$200. (based on history) 6 ayed, 2 nayed.

Lamos made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept the bottom figure of \$206,676. for executive to include above changes. 7 ayed, 1 nayed.

ELECTION & REGISTER

Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Downing to decrease deputy clerk salary from \$100. to \$50. 3 ayed, 5 nayed.

Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to decrease clerk postage from \$500. to \$300. (based on history). 6 ayed, 2 nayed.

Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dion to postpone voting on salary increases as of this date for the full budget. 7 ayed, 1 nayed.

Dion made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lamos to accept all other lines as proposed by selectmen from training to ballot coding with change to postage. 7 ayed, 1 nayed.

FINANCIAL

Lamos made the motion, 2<sup>n</sup> by Hoerter to decrease postage from \$2,500. to \$2,000. 6 ayed, 1 nayed, 1 absent

Hoerter made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lamos to decrease audit from \$15,650. to \$15,000. 8 ayed, 0 nayed.

Coleman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to decrease general expense from \$500. to \$300. (based on history) 6 ayed, 2 nayed.

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Dion made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoerter to accept all other lines as proposed by selectmen from postage to budget committee expenses with above changes. 7 ayed, 1 nayed.

DeWolfe made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lamos to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. All ayed.

Submitted by:

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