

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 12, 2017

Members Present: Ruell, Stewart, Cilley, Hoerter, Downing, Coleman, Lamos, Badger, Lyford

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. in the Ashland School Cafeteria.

School Budget Hearing. The public hearing on the Ashland School District budget, revenues and warrant articles was held from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

School Budget. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the School Budget of \$3,324,031 and revenues as presented.

School Warrant Articles. On a motion by Hoerter, it was voted 7 to 0, with 1 abstention, to recommend Article 2 on the salaries of district officers.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend Article 5 on the School Safety, Security and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend Article 6 on the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund.

Town Budget. On a motion by Ruell, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend \$2605 for Finance-Office Retirement and \$64,247 for Debt Service-95 Water Project.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend \$1 for CIP- Printing.

On a motion by Downing, seconded by Coleman, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend \$500 for Building Inspector- General Expense.

A motion by Coleman, seconded by Downing to recommend \$22,880 for Finance-Consulting/Acct. Fee, failed on a 3 to 5 vote. A motion by Stewart, seconded by Cilley to recommend \$34,320 for Finance-Consulting Acct. Fee, with a condition that the explanation be expanded to include attendance at

Budget Committee meetings, failed on a 3 to 5 vote.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Ruell, it was voted 4 to 3, with 1 abstention, to recommend the Town Budget of \$2,606,104, as presented by the Budget Committee with the changes that were made this evening.

Estimated Revenues. On a motion by Badger, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend the Estimated Revenues as presented at the public hearing, with the exception of the property tax revenues.

Utility Budgets. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 6 to 0, with 2 abstentions, to recommend the Electric Department budget of \$3,181,053. (Coleman abstained because she was a recipient of the funds being voted on.)

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Water Department operating budget of \$202,906.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Sewer Department operating budget of \$322,018.

Town Warrant Articles.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, to not recommend the Thompson Street/Smith Hill Road article, the vote was 4 for not recommending and 4 against the motion.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Stewart, it was voted to not recommend the Library Building article by a vote of 6 for not recommending and 2 against the motion.

On a motion by Downing, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Fire Engine article.

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend the Reconstruction of Sidewalks article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Transfer Station mini-loader article.

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Public Works Department Department loader article.

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 6 to 2 to recommend the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund article.

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund article.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend the Department of Public Works Fund article.

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund article.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Lamos to recommend the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund article, the vote was 4 in favor and 4 against the motion.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Coleman, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Ashland Library Building Fund Capital Reserve Fund article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund article.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend the Collective Bargaining Agreement article.

A motion by Badger, seconded by Lamos, to recommend the LCHIP Grant for a Town Hall Study article failed on a 3 to 5 vote. On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Downing, it was voted 5 to 3 to not recommend the LCHIP Grant for a Town Hall Study article.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Downing, it was voted 5 to 3 to recommend the Automobile Registration Fee article.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 5 to 2, with 1 abstention, to not recommend the Budget Committee article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Veteran Property Tax Credit article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 5 to 3 to not recommend the Electric Commissioners article.

On a motion by Cilley, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 5 to 3 to not recommend the Water and Sewer Commissioners article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Lamos, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Coleman, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Pei-Baker Community Health article.

On a motion by Downing, seconded by Ruell, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Tri County Community Action Program article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Downing, it was voted 7 to 1 to recommend the Voices Against Violence article.

On a motion by Lamos, seconded by Ruell, it was voted 6 to 2 to recommend the Genesis Behavioral Health article.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 8 to 0 to recommend the Bridge House Shelter article

On a motion by Coleman, seconded by Stewart, to not recommend the CADY article, the vote was 4 in favor and 4 against the motion.

On a motion by Lamos, seconded by Badger, to recommend the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee article, the vote was 4 in favor and 4 against the motion.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Stewart, it was voted 7 to 0, with 1 abstention, to recommend the Day Away Program article.

On a motion by Badger, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 7 to 0, with 1 abstention, to not recommend the Town Clerk/Tax Collector article.

On a motion by Downing, seconded by Hoerter, it was voted 6 to 1, with 1 abstention, to not recommend the Town Treasurer article.

On a motion by Stewart, seconded by Cilley, it was voted 5 to 2, with 1 abstention, to recommend the 150th Celebration Committee article.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Cilley, it was voted to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

David Ruell, Chairman