

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
August 10, 2016**

A meeting of the Municipal Budget Committee was called to order at 6:34 PM in the Professional Development Room at Kennett Middle School with the following members present: Chairman Joe Mosca, Doug Swett, Dick Klement, Mark Hounsell, John Edgerton, Pat Swett, Bill Marvel, John Colbath, Jim LeFebvre, Bill Masters, Terry McCarthy, Michael Fougere, Steven Steiner, Christopher DeVries and Mike Tetreault. Excused: Peter Donohue and Pat Kittle. Also present: Kevin Richard, Superintendent; Jim Hill; Lilli Gilligan, Town Finance Director; Tom Holmes; and Evan Lucy.

Joe Mosca led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mosca introduced new member Mike Tetreault. Chairman had all members introduce themselves.

TOWN REVIEW

Lilli Gilligan passed out reports on spending and Revenue through last Thursday and advised that there was 40% left in the Budget. Revenues were tracking with \$50,000.00 to \$125,000.00 less than projected. Lilli proceeded with an in depth review of the finances in each Department. Lilli further stated that Revenues would be readjusted September 1st.

Lilli Gilligan fielded questions on a number of issues from members of the Committee.

Chairman Mosca recognized Evan Lucy for comments concerning the Town.

Chairman Mosca thanked Lilli Gilligan for coming in and for her presentation.

SCHOOL

Kevin Richard advised that the School is getting close to closing all of its books. Kevin reviewed a number of issues with the members, i.e. Health Insurance, Special Education, Encumbrances, outstanding legal issues, fuel costs.

Mr. Richard further stated that they were still in the process of collecting monies for the Lunch Program from last year. Kevin fielded questions from the members on the legal issues for the Lunch Program and possible solutions.

Jim Hill answered a question concerning the bus replacement policy. Jim gave a history of what the School has done in the past and what is happening now.

Mr. Richard responded to a specific question on the Capital Reserve Fund for Special Education. He advised that the Fund had a cap of \$500,000.00 and that there was plenty of money in the Fund if needed for the upcoming year.

Jim Hill gave an over view of the work at John Fuller. Jim thanked everyone that showed up for a tour prior to this meeting. Jim advised that everything was going great and they expected to have the construction complete before School begins in September. Many members who took the tour thought that what was being done was very impressive. However, there were some concerns addressed, i.e. not enough outlets in the classrooms. Jim assured the members that the list will be done.

Chairman Mosca recognized Evan Lucy for comments concerning the School.

Chairman Mosca thanked both Kevin Richard and Jim Hill for coming in and for their presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim LeFebvre moved, seconded by Steven Steiner, that the Minutes of May 18, 2016 be accepted, as amended. In favor: 13; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 2 - Mike Tetreault and Christopher DeVries.

John Colbath stated on page 5, second complete paragraph, second line, "subject" should be changed to "subjective".

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was had on the proposed Schedule for the Budget Committee's upcoming year.

Doug Swett moved, seconded by Steven Steiner, to have the Town and School come in with a flat line Budget. In favor: 12; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 3 - Chairman Mosca, Mark Hounsell and Mike Tetreault.

Discussion followed on the proposed Motion. Mark Hounsell withdrew his second to the Motion and Steven Steiner seconded the Motion.

John Edgerton moved the question.

Chairman Mosca stated that he would send something to the respective Boards concerning the Motion.

Chairman asked if there was any further Old Business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim LeFebvre updated the members on the progress of the subcommittee he was sitting on.

Chairman Mosca asked if there was any other New Business that anyone would like to discuss. There was none.

Dick Klement moved, seconded by Michael Fougere, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Iris A. Bowden, Recording Secretary