

Budget Committee Minutes for January 12, 2023.

Hearings for the Winchester Town Budget and the Winchester School District Budget

Committee members present included Brenden Hubbard, James Rokes Jr (School Board Representative) Theresa Sepe (Selectman Representative) Kevin Bazan and Joanne Devost.

Brenden called the meeting to order at 6:03PM at Winchester Town Hall.

Kevin made a motion to reconsider the town of Winchester operating budget. James seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

Kevin made a motion to revise the amount on Article #2 to read \$4,394,127 for a proposed operating budget. Theresa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Kevin made a motion to recommend Article #2 with the new amount of \$4,394,127. Theresa seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2. (James and Brendan-No)

Kevin made a motion to go into the hearing for the town and school budget, Jame seconded.

Brenden- Yes, Kevin- yes, James-yes, Joanne- yes, Theresa- Yes.

Brenden read the opening for Town of Winchester Warrant for the Town Meeting including Article #1

Brenden read Article #2. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #3. James Tetreault asked about the taxation factor of the article.

Brenden read Article #4. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #5. James Tetreault asked about the annual Avitar payment and what the money goes to.

Brenden read Article #6. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #7. James asked who abstained from the vote to recommend. (Theresa)

Brenden read Article #8. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #9. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #10. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #11. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #12. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #13. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #14. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #15. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #16. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #17. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #18. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #19. Jennifer Rhoades commented on why should the town have to pay a company to film and record the public meetings? As a state representative, she has not encountered a town that has had to do this. She asks the budget committee to reconsider their recommendation. Jim Tetreault spoke in favor of the recordings of town meeting and that residents will call him if they see the meetings online. Lindseigh Picard spoke in favor of the article.

Brenden read Article #20. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #21. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #22. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #23. Lindseigh Picard spoke in favor of the article.

Brenden read Article #24. There was no comment.

The rest of the articles on the warrant did not have a dollar figure.

Brenden began to read the School District Warrant.

Brenden read Article #2. There was no comment.

Brendan read Article #3. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #4. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #5. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #6. There was no comment.

Brenden read Article #7. There was no comment.

Kevin made a motion to close the public hearing. James seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5-0

Minutes by Kevin Bazan.


-chairman

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