

Winchester Budget Committee Minutes for 1/12/22.

In attendance- Brenden Hubbard, Nate Holmy, Jason Spaulding, James Rokes Jr (SB) and Ben Kilanski (Selectmen)

Brenden called the meeting to order at 6:25. Nate makes a motion to recess the meeting. JR seconds. 5-0. Meeting is recessed at 6:25.

Brendan called the meeting back to order at 7:11.

Discussion began on the Water and Sewer Articles #5 and #6.

Ben makes a motion to revisit Article #5. Nate seconds. Motion passes 5-0. Ben makes a motion to recommend Article #5 with a new proposed budget and default #. JR seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Ben makes a motion to revisit Article #6. JR seconds. Motion passes 5-0. Ben makes a motion to recommend the new default #. JR seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Discussion on Article #11, (Ambulance Fund). Ben makes a motion to recommend the article. Nate seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Discussion on Article #14. (Computer Capital Reserve) The server at the police department needs to be updated. Cost is \$24K making the new # \$30K. Ben makes a motion to recommend. JR seconds. Motion passes 4-1 (Nate)

Discussion on Article #18. (Electronic Ballot Device) Ben makes a motion to revisit the article. Nate seconds. 5-0. Ben makes a motion to recommend the article. JR seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Discussion on Article #4. (Town Budget) JR makes a motion to recommend the amount as written. \$3,870,969. Nate seconds. Jason notes there is a \$20 difference in the library budget. JR motions to amend the amount to \$3,870,989. Motion passes to recommend 4-1 (Ben)

Discussion on Article #23 (New Ambulance) Jason make a motion to not recommend this article. JR seconds. Ben will recuse himself from voting. Motion passes 4-0-1.

Discussion on Article #24 (ELMM) Ben makes a motion to recommend the article. Jason seconds. Nate asks questions related to an annual contract between the town and the ELMM. Motion to recommend passes. 5-0.

Discussion on Article #25. (ACCESS) Ben makes a motion to recommend the article. Nate seconds. Jason questions the difference in services between the ELMM and ACCESS. Ben clarifies some differences. Danielle August from ACCESS summarizes some of the programs offered by ACCESS and the services they provide in the community. Motion to recommend passes 3-2 (Jason and JR)

Discussion on Article #26. (Sheridan House) Jason makes a motion to recommend the article. Ben seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Discussion on Article #27. (Pickle Festival) Ben makes a motion to recommend. Nate seconds. Motion passes 4-1. (Jason)

The budget committee begins discussion on the School Warrant.

Article #2 (School Budget) Jason makes a motion to recommend. Nate seconds. Motion passes 4-1. (JR)

Article #3 (WSSA Contract) Ben makes a motion to recommend. JR seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Ben makes a motion to revisit Article #2. Jason seconds. 5-0.

Nate makes a motion to recommend Article #2. Jason seconds. Motion passes 3-2. (JR/Ben)

Discussion on Article #5. (Health Insurance for the WSSA)

Ben makes a motion to recommend the article. Jason seconds. Motion fails 2-3. Budget committee does not recommend.

Discussion on Article #6. (\$25K for Special Education Trust Fund) JR makes a motion to recommend. Jason seconds. Motion passes 3-2.

Discussion on Article #7. (\$125 for Building Capital Reserve) Jason asked about field renovations at the school. JR makes a motion to recommend. Brenden seconds. Motion to recommend passes 4-1. (Jason)

Discussion on minutes from the 12/14 meeting. There were questions on who seconded a motion for school board member salary and a social security line. The committee decided to table until the next meeting.

JR made a motion to approve the minutes for January 4th. Nate seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Brenden asks for public comment. There is no public comment.

Ben makes a motion to adjourn. Jason seconds.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09.



Handwritten signature and date: 2/5/22