



BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman John Scully, Members Caitlin McCormack, Matt Hehl, Mark Vallone, Jen Chapman, Jordanne Sargent; School Board Representative Robin O'Day; Selectman Joe Trombley, and Secretary Becca Haggerty. Chairman Mike Charkowski and members Sean Morrison and Cody Belanger were not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE TROOPS

BUSINESS

Superintendent Bill Furbush, Business Administrator Christine Vayda, and School Board members Heather Clark, Ben Leavitt, Jen Jacoby and Julie Knight are present to present the 2024-2025 School Warrant Article drafts.

Superintendent Bill Furbush and Business Administrator Christine Vayda briefly summarize the following Warrant Articles:

- Article 01: Paraprofessional Collective Bargaining
- Article 02: Special Meeting for Defeated / Amended Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Article 03: Operating Budget
- Article 04: Add to Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve
- Article 05: Add to Special Education Capital Reserve Fund
- Article A: To Choose 2 School District Officers

Mark Vallone and Bill Furbush discuss the need for the additional grounds crew member that the school would like to add.

School Board members exit the meeting at 6:55.

Vice Chairman Scully opens the meeting to the Budget Committee to discuss the school Warrant Articles or other budget items.

The Committee discusses the pros and cons of Article 01.

Selectman Joe Trombley joins the meeting at 7:07 PM.



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Member Jen Chapman reiterates that any questions asked via e-mail should also be presented during the meetings, for public knowledge.

Discussion of the staffing at the transfer station and possible budget reductions there.

Discussion of bonds that are ending soon.

Joe Trombley states that the Town should be prepared to present their Warrant Articles at the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for December 13, 2023.

Joe Trombley states that 72% of the budget increase is due to non-discretionary spending. The remaining 28% is discretionary.

Joe Trombley discusses the recent dump sticker price increase and the allotment of those additional funds.

Mark Vallone and Finance Director Lisa Fogg speak about the incoming electric vehicle fee and how that may impact the Town.

School Board Representative Robin O'Day informs the group that the Town of Fremont has not selected Epping as a high school of choice for its students. The Committee would like more information as to why this decision was made. The School Board is looking for more details.

ADJOURN

Motion by Vice Chairman Scully to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jen Chapman.

Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.



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Respectfully submitted:
Becca Haggerty
Secretary

John Scully, Vice Chairman

Caitlyn McCormack, Member

Matt Hehl, Member

Mark Vallone, Member

Jen Chapman, Member

Jordenne Sargent, Member

Robin O'Day, School Board Rep.

Joe Trombley, Selectmen Rep.

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Chairman Mike Charkowski and members Sean Morrison and Cody Belanger were not present.