



# **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Michael Charkowski, Vice Chairman John Scully, Members Matt Hehl, Jen Chapman, Mark Vallone, Caitlin McCormack and Jordenne Sargent; School Board Representative Robin O'Day; Selectman Joe Trombley, and Secretary Becca Haggerty.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE TROOPS**

## **BUSINESS**

The committee interviewed the following candidates for the open Budget Committee positions:

- Amy Crane
- Bret Lincoln (not present, but represented via prior letter of interest)
- Colleen Sousa
- Gary MacLeay (not present, but represented via letter of interest)
- Jason Caterino
- Ryan Marcoux

Following interviews, the committee completed a vote to select the new members.

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to appoint Ryan Marcoux to the committee. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carried 9-0.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to appoint Jason Caterino to the committee. Seconded by Matt Hehl. Motion carried 9-0.**

Chairman Charkowski advises the new members of the next steps to complete their appointment.

The committee discussed the town budget and decides to move forward with recommendations at this time.

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 3, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carrier 8-1. John Scully votes nay.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 4, with the expectation that the 2024 line will be removed. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 9-0**



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**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 5, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion Carried 8-1. John Scully votes nay.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 6, as written and read. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carrier 9-0.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 7, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 9-0.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 8, as written and read. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carried 9-0.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 9, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 8-1. John Scully votes nay.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 10, as written and read. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carried 8-1. John Scully votes nay.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 11, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 6-3. Jen Chapman, Caitlin McCormack and John Scully vote nay.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 12, as written and read. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carried 9-0.**

The committee discusses the wording of Article 12.

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 13, as written and read. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carried 6-2-1. Matt Hehl and John Scully vote nay. Mark Vallon abstains.**

The committee discusses the wording of Article 13.

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 14, as written and read. Seconded by Matt Hehl. Motion carried 9-0.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 15, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 7-1-1. Jen Chapman votes nay. John Scully abstains.**



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Selectman Trombley provides details on Article 16 and the committee decides not to vote on this article at this time.

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 17, as written and read. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carried 8-0-1. John Scully abstains.**

The committee discusses Article 17 further.

Selectman Trombleys explains that Article 18 has no monetary value, and that the committee need not vote on this article.

School Board Representative O'Day provides updates on school budget changes and the committee moves on to vote on the school warrant articles.

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 1, with the expectation the first line of the table will be removed, for clarity. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 8-0-1. John Scully abstains.**

The committee need not vote on Article 2 as there is no monetary value.

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 3, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 7-1-1. John Scully votes nay. Matt Hehl abstains.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 4, as written and read. Seconded by Mark Vallone. Motion carried 6-2-1. Jen Chapman and John Scully vote nay. Caitlin McCormack abstains.**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to recommend Article 5, as written and read. Seconded by John Scully. Motion carried 7-1-1. Jen Chapman votes nay. Caitlin McCormack abstains.**

The committee discusses the use of the reserve funds and prioritization, as the fiscal year end approaches.

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion by Chairman Charkowski to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jen Chapman. Motion carried 9-0.**



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Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Becca Haggerty  
Secretary

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Michael Charkowski, Chairman

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John Scully, Vice Chairman

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Matt Hehl, Member

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Jen Chapman, Member

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Mark Vallone, Member

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Caitlin McCormack

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Jordenne Sargent, Member

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Robin O'Day, School Board Rep.

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Joe Trombley, Selectmen Rep.

Dated: January 3, 2024  
*Jordenne Sargent were not present.*