

Town of Newington, NH  
Budget Committee Public Hearing Minutes  
Monday, February 21, 2023

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

**Present:** John Lamson, Chair, Emily Savinelli, Vice-Chair, Alan Wilson via phone (no one present in the room), Rick Stern via phone, Jeff Semprini, Selectmen's Rep, Brandon Arsenault and School Board Rep, Jeremy Boston.

**Guests:** Fire Engineer Ann Hyland Hebert, Cemetery Trustee Peggy Lamson, Sheryl Bagley-Finance Director, Martha Roy-Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

**Cemetery Article Public Hearing:**

J. Lamson explained that the Cemetery Trustees proposed two warrant articles that did not require raising and appropriating any funds, so they were left off the Budget Committee docket. It was then recommended by the town attorney that these warrant articles be worded differently, which meant that one warrant article needs approval at a public hearing. In effect, one capital reserve fund is being closed, those funds are being returned to the General Fund and then they will be raised and placed into the 2005 Cemetery Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Thirty Five dollars (\$4,035) to be placed in the 2005 Cemetery Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.**

E. Savinelli asked why the capital reserve account from 2020 was being closed after such a short period of time. B. Arsenault said that the 2020 warrant article was for a columbarium. Since that time, the Cemetery Trustees have decided that a columbarium was not a cost-effective idea.

J. Lamson asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

**J. Lamson called for a vote on Warrant Article#20.**

**All were in favor. (7-0)**

**Minutes Approval:**

**B. Arsenault moved to approve the 2-8-23 minutes as amended. E. Savinelli seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**B. Arsenault moved to adjourn at 5:08pm. E. Savinelli seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Boy, Recorder