

Town of Newington, NH  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 3, 2018 Town Hall

Vice-Chair Brandon Arsenault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Present:** Brandon Arsenault-Vice Chair, Katherine Latchaw, Rick Stern, Jennifer Kent Wiener, James Belanger, Alan Wilson, Sandy Sweeney, Ted Connors-Selectmen's rep, Denis Hebert, Planning Board Chair, Chris Cross, Planning Board Vice-Chair and HDC Member, Lulu Pickering, HDC Member, Michael Marconi, Selectman, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

B. Arsenault informed the committee that the next meeting will be in two weeks, January 17<sup>th</sup>, and it will be held at the Old Town Hall.

J. Belanger thought that the Budget Committee minutes from December 13<sup>th</sup> were too thin. He thought that there should be more information included in the minutes showing a summation and pros and cons of each issue discussed.

J. Kent Weiner asked if there was a state law that stated what needed to be included in the minutes. M. Roy discussed the state law requirements of including who attended the meeting, votes taken and when the meeting started and ended. R. Stern pointed out that the December 13<sup>th</sup> minutes listed J. Hoyt as a Sewer Commissioner and he was not.

**R. Stern moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017, as corrected. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion, with A. Wilson, K. Latchaw, B. Arsenault, T. Connors in favor and S. Sweeney and J. Belanger abstaining.**

**Historic District Commission Budget Review:**

**J. Belanger moved to tentatively approve the HDC budget of \$16,300. R. Stern seconded the motion.**

L. Pickering discussed items in the budget, including the grant. The grant is for the next phase in the exploration of the pilings of the old Piscataqua bridge. She stated that she would be bringing the paperwork for the grant to Concord soon and would need the Selectmen to be available to sign the paperwork. T. Connors assured her they would be available.

**B. Arsenault called for a vote on the Historic District Commission budget and all were in favor of \$16,300.**

**Planning Budget Review:**

**J. Belanger moved to tentatively approve the Planning budget of \$147,022.**

**S. Sweeney seconded the motion.**

D. Hebert presented the Planning budget to the committee. He pointed out that the Planning budget was \$221,350 in 2016 and is now \$147,022. The COAST payment was taken out of the Planning budget and added to the Regional Associations section of the budget. The Administrative support expense line has increased to show a more accurate reflection of E. Boy's hours spent helping the Planning Department. D. Hebert stated that he supports the COAST program and has attended many COAST meetings and is impressed with the way it is managed. COAST is introducing an additional program called CART. This program is "Uber like" and will focus on people in rural areas that need transportation.

**B. Arsenault called for a vote on the Planning budget and all were in favor of \$147,022.**

**R. Stern moved to reopen the Police budget discussion. He would like to see the new 2018 numbers and compare them to the previous numbers that the Budget Committee was given. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion with all in favor. A date to review the Police budget will be chosen at a later time.**

**R. Stern moved to adjourn at 7:33 pm. S. Sweeney seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Eleanor Boy  
Recorder**