

Town of Newington, NH
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2017 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: John Lamson - Chair, Brandon Arsenault - Vice Chair, Gail Pare, Alan Wilson, Jennifer Kent Weiner, Rick Stern, James Belanger, David Mueller - School Board, Mike Marconi - Selectman.

Absent: Katherine Latchaw, Sandra Sweeney

Guests: Denis Hebert - Chairman of the Planning Board, Christopher Cross - Vice Chairman of the Planning Board, Victoria Eversman - Recording Secretary and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Review of Minutes: J. Kent Weiner moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2016.

G. Pare seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0-2 with J. Belanger and M. Marconi abstaining.

Planning Board Budget Review:

G. Pare moved to tentatively approve the Planning Board budget of 146,275. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion.

Discussions were held regarding the difference in the proposed Planning Board budget versus the proposed Selectmen's budget for the Planning Board. The difference is due to the Selectmen removing the Coast Transport line item of \$31,569. Deliberations ensued about Wildcat bus services, medical appointment rides, federal funding, ridership totals, routes, capital costs and data requested for public hearing.

J. Kent Weiner moved to amend the motion, restoring the Coast Transport line item \$31,569 using all of the funds in the Air Mitigation escrow account of \$30,867. The remaining \$702 would come out of the budget. G. Pare seconded the motion. The vote was 7-1-1 with B. Arsenault opposing and M. Marconi abstaining.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the amended Planning Board budget for \$177,844. The vote was 7-2 with B. Arsenault and M. Marconi opposed.

Historical District Commission Review:

R. Stern moved to tentatively approve the Historic District Commission budget of \$14,550.

A. Wilson seconded the motion.

G. Pare requested an amendment of an additional \$1,750 due to further funds being received for the Certified Local Government grant.

B. Arsenault moved to approve the amendment. D. Mueller seconded the motion.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the amended Historic District Commission budget and all were in favor.

The Budget Committee will meet again on January 11, 2017.

J. Lamson moved to adjourn at 8:13 PM. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Eversman
Recording Secretary