

Town of Newington, NH  
Budget Committee & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, February 04, 2017 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

**Present:** John Lamson - Chair, Brandon Arsenault - Vice Chair, Gail Pare, Sandra Sweeney, Katherine Latchaw, Jennifer Kent Weiner, James Belanger, Deirdre Link - School Board Mike Marconi-  
Selectman

**Absent:** Alan Wilson, Rick Stern.

**Guests:** Jan Stuart - Selectman, Salvatore Petralia, SAU 50 Superintendent of Schools, James Katkin, SAU 50 Business Administrator, Doug Mansfield, Town legal counsel, Jim Katkin - SAU 50 Business Administrator, Debbie Zabkar - Finance Director, Victoria Eversman - Recording Secretary and Martha Roy, Town Administrator. Residents and members of the SAU 50, Fire Department, Newington School and Library were present.

**School Budget Review:**

J. Katkin reviewed the School Operating Budget for the Newington School District.

**Article 1: Support of Schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.**

G. Pare moved to recommend Article 1 in the amount of \$2,120,248. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 2: Collective Bargaining agreement between the Newington School Board and the Association of Coastal Teachers.**

G. Pare moved to recommend Article 2 in the amount of \$19,103. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 3: Shall the Newington School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option to address article 2 cost items only.**

G. Pare moved to recommend Article 3. S. Sweeney seconded the motion. Because there were no dollars associated with Article 3, a vote was not necessary.

**Article 4: Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund.**

S. Sweeney moved to recommend Article 4 in the amount of \$30,000. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 5: Establish a Tuition Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c.**

S. Sweeney moved to recommend Article 5 in the amount of \$35,000. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

J. Lamson recessed the meeting and then called the meeting back to order and the Budget Committee proceeded to hold the Town Budget Hearing.

## Town Budget Public Hearing

### Voucher Program

J. Lamson asked for public questions or comments on the town budget. Discussions ensued regarding the Recreation Department voucher program. The history of the program, usage, the need for guidelines to be documented. A request was made to communicate the voucher program on the Town's website. **J. Belanger moved to recommend that the voucher line item be moved back to \$2,900. G. Pare seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. Four were in favor, five opposed and one abstention. The motion failed.**

**J. Belanger moved to recommend that \$2599 (all but \$1) of the movie pass line item be moved over to the Voucher program. G. Pare seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. Two were in favor, eight opposed. The motion failed.**

### Warrant Articles:

#### Article 6: Operating Budget

**G. Pare moved to recommend the warrant article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of (\$6,988,752.) for the operating budget. This article does not include appropriations voted in special or individual warrant articles addressed separately. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.**

#### Article 7: New Firefighter/Firefighter Paramedic Position

**B. Arsenault moved to recommend the warrant article to fund one new firefighter or Firefighter/Paramedic position, in the amount \$62,000, to the town. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.**

#### Article 8: Fire Department Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

**S. Sweeney moved to recommend the Collective Bargaining Agreement warrant article, in the amount of \$14,656, to the town. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.**

#### Article 9: Replacement and/or repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department

**J. Kent Weiner moved to recommend the Replacement and/or repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department capital reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$50,000, to the town. G. Pare seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.**

#### Article 10: Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and equipment operated by the Highway Department

**G. Pare moved to recommend the Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and equipment operated by the Highway Department capital reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$50,000, to the town. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.**

**Article 11: Major Road Work Fund**

G. Pare moved to recommend the Major Road Work capital reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$50,000, to the town. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 12: Ripley Property Conservation Easement**

J. Kent Weiner moved to recommend the Ripley Property Conservation Easement warrant article, in the amount of \$40,000, to the town with an additional \$80,000 being funded from the State of NH Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) program and \$140,000 being funded from the Conservation Fund. The entire \$260,000 will be raised and appropriated but will be offset by \$220,000 in revenue. G. Pare seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 13: Fire Department Communications**

K. Latchaw moved to recommend the Fire Department Communications capital reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$35,000, to the town. S. Sweeney seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 14: Municipal Building Emergency Repairs**

B. Arsenault moved to recommend the Municipal Building Emergency Repairs capital reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$30,000, to the town. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 15: Conservation Fund**

K. Latchaw moved to recommend the Conservation Fund warrant article, in the amount of \$30,000, to the town. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 16: Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment**

K. Latchaw moved to recommend the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment capital reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$10,000, to the town. G. Pare seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 17: Town Generators Capital Reserve Fund**

J. Kent Weiner moved to recommend the Town Generators Capital Reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$10,000, to the town. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 18: Replacement of Fire Department SCBA equipment**

G. Pare moved to recommend the Replacement of Fire Department SCBA equipment capital reserve fund warrant article, in the amount of \$10,000, to the town. B. Arsenault seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 19: Police Department Radio/Electronics Fund**

J. Belanger moved to recommend the Police Department Radio/Electronics Capital Reserve Fund warrant article in the amount of \$10,000, to the town. S. Sweeney seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 20: Severance to Town Employees**

B. Arsenault moved to recommend the Severance to Town Employees Trust Fund warrant article, in the amount of \$10,000, to the town. G. Pare seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Article 21: Town Recreational Facilities and Equipment.**

S. Sweeney moved to recommend the Town Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund warrant article, in the amount of \$2,500, to the town. J. Belanger seconded the motion. J. Lamson called for a vote. All were in favor.

**Review of Minutes from January 25, 2017:** G. Pare moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017. S. Sweeney seconded the motion. Vote: 9-0-1 (K. Latchaw abstained).

G. Pare moved to adjourn at 12:00 PM. S. Sweeney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Eversman  
Recording Secretary

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