

Town of Effingham

Budget Committee

April 3, 2018

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Effingham Municipal Office Building
Members Present: David Strauss, Leo Racine, Mellisa Seamans, Timothy Eldridge
Members Absent: Jory Augenti, Lenny Espie (Excused)
Minutes By: Mellisa Seamans
Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.

Actions

- MOTION:** “To appoint David Strauss as Effingham Budget Committee Chairman” by Seamans, 2nd Racine. Passed-unanimous
- MOTION:** “To appoint Leo Racine as Effingham Budget Committee Vice-Chairman” by Strauss, 2nd Seamans. Passed-unanimous
- MOTION:** “To appoint Mellisa Seamans as Effingham Budget Committee Recording Clerk” by Strauss, 2nd Racine. Passed-unanimous
- MOTION:** “To approve the February 20, 2018 meeting minutes as presented” by Seamans, 2nd Racine. Passed-3-0 with Eldridge abstaining.
- MOTION:** “To appoint Charles “Chuck” Fuller as a member of the budget committee, fulfilling the remainder of the term vacated by the resignation of Paul Bartoswicz” by Seamans, 2nd Eldridge. Passed-unanimous
- MOTION:** “To approve the tentative 2018-19 budget schedule presented by Chm. Strauss” by Eldridge, 2nd Seamans. Passed-unanimous

Discussion

1. Proposed meeting schedule for 2018-19 budget season and moving our meetings to Wednesday evenings due to potential conflict with selectmen’s meetings running past 6:30 p.m. Was decided to keep EBC meetings on Tuesdays but with later start time of 7 p.m. If main meeting room is not available, EBC will meet in the modular.
2. Proposed 2018-19 budget worksheets and outside agency budget request packet reviewed. With minor corrections, members agreed to use of the forms. Chm. Strauss will present to town administrator/selectmen.
3. At March 2018 Town Meeting, a non-binding advisory voice vote passed unanimously to request selectmen add numerical tallies of EBC and BOS votes to each warrant article (NH RSA 32:5, V-a). Chm. Strauss noted selectmen appear reluctant to do so. Members agreed it is a valid request and worth pursuing.
4. Eldridge agreed to talk to selectmen regarding the implementation of vote tallies on warrant articles and their adoption of a personnel policy regarding pay raises.
5. Chm. Strauss asked that all requests for information from selectmen’s office regarding our budget work go through him to avoid confusion or duplication. He will request a budget versus actual (BVA) report prior to each of our future meetings.
6. Seamans announced the NHMA will present “The Basic Law of Budgeting” May 10, 6-8pm at Ossipee Town Hall. The cost is \$20 per person. She will also contact NH DRA to try to schedule a budget law workshop for August 7.

Minutes approved by majority vote on: June 5, 2018.