

Middlesex Budget Committee Minutes

Tuesday November 14, 2017

Budget Committee Members Present: Barry Bolio, Ruth Dockter, Bill Dorigan, Elias Gardner and George Longenecker

Meeting started at 6 pm upstairs in Middlesex Town Hall

George nominated Ruth Dockter as Budget Chair – seconded by all the other budget committee members- motion passed.

Barry nominated Elias Gardner as Vice Chair -seconded by Bill Dorigan – motion passed.

The committee designated Ruth as the minutes taker and said the meetings will be held upstairs in Town Hall at 6 pm after each Select Board Meeting (if quorum in attendance).

Discussed who will go to School budget meetings. Decided that each committee member will review the minutes and documents posted on the WCSU32.org and the Rumney School website and we will discuss at our meetings. Any Committee member is welcome to attend a School budget meeting, if desired. We can always contact a school board member if we need more information.

Budget Discussion:

1. Employee compensation budget scenarios were received and discussed at the Select Board meeting. Decided to wait until the complete budget is available to make recommendation on which scenario we support.
2. Obtained Fire and Highway Department Budgets at the Select Board meeting tonight. Discussion ensued on the Highway Budget. Concerns and questions were raised on the \$36k decrease in Construction & Paving line (offset by Culverts and Summer Maintenance budget increases) because of the condition of some of the roads – specifically, East Hill Road. There are times where ambulances would not be able to continue on the road due to the conditions. Questions came up whether the project schedule that was in the last annual report will be changing and if the \$36k was put back in the budget whether the highway department has the personnel and equipment to do the work along with the other projects budgeted for (culverts & summer maintenance). Bill was going to try to get more information from Paul.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dockter