

## Municipal Budget Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ron Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Justin David Borden, Albert Akerstrom, Mark Roberts, Sue Harris, Pret Tuthill, Roland Coffin, Tracey LeClair, Board of Selectman Chairman Ruth Mooney, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, and Assistant Town Administrator Alicia Jipson. Also, present were Fire Chief Kirk Beattie, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Newhall, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, and Town Planner Candace Daigle, and Public Works Director Craig Clairmont. Absent were Kevin Sturgeon, Eric Shirley, Robert Chapman, and Norma Patten.

### Minutes

Ruth Mooney moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm as written; seconded by Susan Harris. Chairman Mitchell asked for any omissions or changes, there being none, the motion passed unanimously.

TA Beaudin noted that there was a reduction in line items 4210-215 and 4210-302 in the PD budget, line items have been adjusted down. Tracey LeClair moved to accept the changes; seconded by Tracey LeClair seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### Public Hearing

Chairman Mitchell opened the Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 40:13, II-a (c). on the 2019 Proposed Town of Belmont Budget. He reviewed the budget as proposed on the MS737 including proposed revenues, noting that the final budget as presented will be \$13,189,905.

TA Beaudin noted that the Budget Committees additional \$2,000 appropriations for Health Agencies will move forward to the voters.

TA Beaudin note that we have estimated revenue to be \$7,516,791.

TA Beaudin note that the budget is up .11% from last year. 2018 Assessment ratio came in from the DRA at 79.7%. TA Beaudin using a conservative number foresees a reduction of \$1.28 per thousand on the tax rate.

Chairman Mitchell reviewed the proposed 2019 budget for the Sunray Shores Water District, noting a total requested appropriation of \$59,310.

Chairman Mitchell reviewed the proposed 2019 Default Budget.

Pret Tuthill asked what becomes of the Water & Sewer Department if the we fall to a Default Budget? TA Beaudin noted that increases in wages are calculated into the default and we would just revert to last years budget to fund the department.

TA Beaudin noted that the process has changed through the DRA for processing the final MS-737, Committee members will need to stop by Town Hall to sign the final form sometime next week.

Chairman Mitchell closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. noting that the budget would move forward as recommended by the Budget Committee and previously approved during the budget process.

Chairman Mitchell reminded members to sign up during the period January 22 – February 1 to run again for their positions on the committee. TA Beaudin noted the Deliberative Session will be held on February 2, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Belmont High School Cafeteria.

Chairman Mitchell thanked the committee and department heads for their efforts on the 2019 budget.

**Adjournment**

Albert Akerstrom moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., Tracey LeClair seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman Ron Mitchell

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Vice Chairman Preston Tuthill

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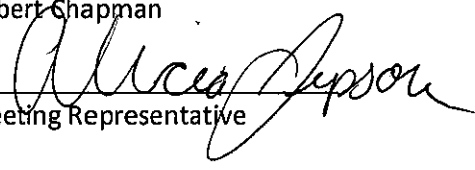
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Susan Harris

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Tracey LeClair

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Albert Akerstrom

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Justin David Borden

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Selectman Ruth Mooney

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Meeting Representative