

Town of Alfred
Budget Committee Minutes
Monday February 12, 2018

Meeting open at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Joe Olzewski, Lee Steele, Jon DeFrance, Priscilla Blanchette, & Fred Holt. Absent: Mark Rogers & Harold Metcalfe.

Holt asked for nominations for the position of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Steele motioned and Olzewski seconded for Holt to continue as Chair. Motion carried 4-0-1-2, Holt abstained. Olzewski motioned and Blanchette seconded for Steele to continue as Vice-Chair. Motion carried 4-0-1-2, Steele abstained. Steele motioned, seconded by Blanchette that Holt continue as Secretary. Motion carried 4-0-1-2, Holt abstained.

A review of the prior year budget process took place as to anything that the committee should do differently moving forward. Blanchette question how many budget requests had been returned thus far. Holt answered that the deadline was tomorrow evening at the Selectmen's meeting, Tuesday February 13th but that only a few had been turned in as of today. The committee felt that if requests were not returned in time that an email to the departments/committees be sent indicating that the budget committee will leave the 2018/2019 budgets the same as the prior year as that was the message outlined in a meeting held on January 31st with the departments/committees.

The committee then discussed social service agencies. Holt indicated that the Town has received several requests for funding from agencies that have not been funded by the Town in the past or at least not in the past year. All requests were reviewed separately and the committee felt that two, Day One & LifeFlight Foundation, be sent the funding questionnaire so they could at least be considered.

Holt reviewed several budgetary concerns that the Town will be facing in the upcoming fiscal year including the Town soliciting bids for the winter roads snowplowing, a need to hire an new outside assessor with a potential for digitizing our maps and upgrading software, Alfred Water Districts' anticipated rate increase, PSAP/Dispatch per capita fee increase and the Fire Departments request for grant matching funds.

The following requests were discussed individually and voted on.

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Request</u> | <u>Motion</u> | <u>Second</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Transfer Station Bond | 62,063.00 | Steele | 62,063.00 | Olzewski 5-0-0-2 |
| Ambulance Bond | 58,887.00 | Steele | 58,887.00 | Blanchette 5-0-0-2 |
| General Assistance | 7,000.00 | Steele | 7,000.00 | Olzewski 5-0-0-2 |
| ZBA | 350.00 | Steele | 350.00 | DeFrance 5-0-0-2 |
| Veterans Committee | 400.00 | Steele | 400.00 | Olzewski 5-0-0-2 |

Holt reminded the committee of the Selectmens follow-up informational meeting concerning the Town Hall research project for Wednesday February 21st.

Next meeting Monday February 26th 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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