

Town of Alfred
Budget Committee Minutes
Monday March 1, 2021

Meeting open at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Ken Gerry, Joe Olszewski, Lee Steele, Harold Metcalfe, Jon DeFrance, Dennis Brewster & Fred Holt.

The minutes of February 22, 2021 were reviewed. Motion by Gerry, second by Steele to approve as written. Motion passed 6-0-1-0 with Brewster abstaining as he was not present for most of the meeting.

The following requests were discussed individually and voted on.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Motion</u>		<u>Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Legal	15,000.00	Steele	15,000.00	Metcalfe	7-0-0-0
Veterans Committee	400.00	Gerry	400.00	Brewster	7-0-0-0
Street Lights	13,750.00	Metcalfe	13,750.00	Gerry	7-0-0-0
Conservation Comm.	920.00	Steele	920.00	DeFrance	7-0-0-0
Town Insurance	26,355.00	Metcalfe	26,355.00	DeFrance	7-0-0-0
General Assistance	6,000.00	Metcalfe	6,000.00	Steele	6-1-0-0(Brewster)
Animal Control	6,310.00	Gerry	6,310.00	Olszewski	6-1-0-0(Brewster)
Computer Support	35,500.00	Steele	35,500.00	DeFrance	7-0-0-0

A discussion about the requested amount for General Assistance took place concerning the needs of residents going forward with a potential of additional stimulus funds and the general overtone of the economy. Motion was made by Brewster for 4,500.00 with no second, motion failed.

A short conversation took place about the State mandated requirement that all municipalities are required to have a contract with an Animal Welfare Society.

It was pointed out during the review of the Computer Support request that any funding comes from previously collected Cable Franchise fees and not from taxation.

Next meeting Monday March 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.