

Public Meeting
December 17, 2019
6:00 PM
Epping District Office

In Attendance: Chair Deborah Brooks, Dave Mylott, Heather Clark, Ben Leavitt, Don Nichols
Absent: Nicole Carleton

Valerie McKenney, Bonnie Sandstrom attended remotely due to the weather conditions.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heather motioned to call the meeting to order 6:02 PM. Valerie shared information related to a timeline related to the HVAC.

Dave shared his thoughts related to the last Budget committee meeting. Heather presented the budget and warrant articles. There were line items that were challenged by Mr. Cody. For example, 2K for a conference for the Superintendent and 7K for the grounds maintenance. Dave stated that he wanted to ensure that the Board was aligned for tomorrow's meeting.

Deb stated that she was disappointed in the way that the Board handled the Budget committee meeting. For example, she feels that the 7K question was not addressed. Deb asked what incidents took place in which limbs fell. Don answered the questions asked by Deb.

Bonnie should not have left in the 2K for the conference in FY 18-19. Bonnie suggests that the line be cut by 5K. The Superintendent's line is for five people, all DO people. Bonnie continued to explain the use of this money. NHSAA has two tickets.

If this is done, the budget would be only 6K over the default.

Heather stated that the Budget committee did not make any recommendations and only tabled the budget. The town budget was approved.

Deborah stated that she felt that the Budget committee should have been held accountable in terms of asking questions. No questions were asked by the Budget committee. Heather shared that she is in an awkward position. Dave and Ben wanted to be diplomatic related to the budget. Deb feels that the Budget committee are elected officials and need to be reminded of their obligations.

Deb shared the process that was used to get information related to EEI. Deb called EEI to get a reference related to EEI and the references were excellent.

Don shared that this is a starting point for this multi-year boiler project.

Deb feels that the community needs an explanation. She had a question about page 33 of the 20-21 budget. \$6,852.00 dollars for evaluation of hearing impaired. This is Cathy's line. Valerie explained that this is for the evaluation of rooms, if needed and hearing mics to ensure that students can hear.

Dave stated that the 5K should be taken from Superintendent's line. There is consensus for this cut.

Don shared some of the various services that work yearly to ensure the safety of students related to the physical environment.

Bonnie asked what she should bring. Dave suggested that Bonnie update the one page and the final summary page. Deb suggested that Bonnie also make some notes on the 7K. There was some discussion related to how to best do this. Heather suggested a new front page with the overview and pages forty one to end of budget.

Deb suggested that Bonnie create a new warrant. Heather suggested a digital copy for the Budget committee. Heather suggested that this be sent beforehand and Dave suggested that all work be double checked.

Deb entertained a motion to adjourn. Heather motioned, Dave seconded. Motion to adjourn passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie McKenney
Superintendent