

Town of Rye Budget Committee Meeting

2020 Budget Work Session

January 16, 2020

6:30pm Town Hall

Attendees: Jaci Grote, Chair, Margaret Balboni, Vice Chair, Kevin Brandon, Mae Bradshaw, Scott Marion, Jeff Ross, Doug Abrams, Bill Epperson, Selectmen Representative, Shawn Crapo, Ralph Hickson

Jaci opens the meeting at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting.

Ralph moved to approve. Second by Scott

All in favor. Bill Epperson abstained.

Approval of the minutes for December 12, 2019.

Mae motion to approve. Second by Scott.

All in favor. Bill Epperson abstained.

Check into the requirements for paper minutes. Streamline the minutes so they are less obtrusive.

Town Dept. Budget:

Energy Committee	\$500
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Scott moved to recommend, second by Kevin

All in favor.

Historic District	\$9,310
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Selectmen have approved \$8,000 and the Historic District will seek a grant for \$4000. If the Grant is not received project will not go forward at this time.

Motion to recommend \$9310 by Scott, Second by Jeff

All in favor.

Warrant Articles:

Conservation Commission request for \$3 million to purchase land for conservation

Sally King speaks to the warrant article objective and need.

Mae motions to recommend. Second by Scott

All in favor.

Survey & engineering for the Parsonage \$15,600

This warrant article is not ready for budget committee recommendation.

Mae Tables this. Shawn seconds it. All in favor.

Sale Trolley Barn/formation of Trust Fund \$390,000

Money will be used for a garage for the Senior Serve van and renovations to the town barn. This warrant is not ready for budget committee recommendation.

Motion to table by Scott with a second by Ralph all in favor.

Preparation for salt mitigation work at transfer station \$350,000

Funds, \$140,000, are available and the selectmen will be authorized agents of the fund. This will be used during the second stage/final part of the construction. Breaking up the expense eliminates the need for a bond and a super majority vote.

Motion to recommend by Ralph with a second from Kevin.

Combination of several capital reserve warrant articles regarding the highway and fire equipment funds, for example. Another warrant includes accumulated leave and maintenance expandable funds. The budget committee requested that these warrant articles be separated as in previous ballots.

One-ton truck replacement \$70,000

Scott moved to recommend. Second by Kevin. All in favor.

Jaws of life \$35,000

Mae moved to approve. Second by Kevin. All in favor.

TAP grant for \$800,000 for safety improvement in town center with grant proceeds \$500,000 and the town will raise \$300,000.

The budget thought the warrant article was too wordy and difficult to understand. A rewrite of the warrant was requested.

Collective Bargaining Agreement Items again combined in a warrant article.

Mae made a motion to approve, ralph second it.

Mae and Ralph retract their motions. We decide to table this with a motion from Kevin and a second from Doug. All in favor.

The other two collective bargaining warrants were tabled moved by Mae with a second by Shawn. All in favor.

Last warrant discussed was the warrant article requesting approval of the town operating budget for \$10,320,486.

Margaret moved to approve. Kevin second this. All in favor.

Chair Jaci Grote opens the meeting to the Public for comments and questions.

Steve Borne, Wallis Road

Comments about the Trolley Barn and the \$40,000.

Also comments about the Salt Shed.

Chair Jaci Grote closes the public meeting.

Chair Jaci Grote asks if we have the individual tax rate for the town yet. Becky responds that it is \$3.20 without the warrant articles

The budget committee will meet on 1/23/20 @ 6 pm to finish the warrant articles tabled or not addressed at this meeting.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:03 pm.

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BUDGET COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING - 2020 TOWN BUDGET

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020, 6:30 P.M., RYE TOWN HALL

The purpose of the Hearing is to consider the Town's proposed Operating Budget for 2020 and Warrant Articles.

Name (please print)

Address

Signature

Steven Born 4/3/1985 