

Budget Committee
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 7, 2021
6:30pm

Attendees: Jaci Grote, Chair, Margaret Balboni, Vice Chair, Dania Seglie, Jeff Ross, Doug Abrams, Scott Marion, Shawn Crapo, Ralph Hickson.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm and read the attestation, followed by the roll call. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Meeting Minutes

The following meeting minutes were approved:

November 19 – moved by Scott Marion with a second from Ralph Hickson; Doug Abrams abstained – all else voted in favor.

December 8 – Moved by Ralph Hickson with a second from Scott Marion; Comments accepted from Scott Marion - Shawn Crapo abstained – all else in favor as amended.

December 10 - Moved by Scott Marion with a second from Dania Seglie; Comments accepted from Scott Marion – all in favor as amended.

Unfinished business

Budget for the Parsonage reduced from \$10,000 to \$0 with the demolition of the building. A motion to recommend was made by Doug Abrams with a second from Scott Marion. A unanimous roll call vote was made to recommend 9-0.

Warrant Articles

\$5,000 for the Rye Public Library Building Fund – Motion to recommend by Ralph Hickson with a second from Dania Seglie. Vote to recommend 9-0

\$350,000 for the salt mitigation/intrusion building – Motion to recommend by Scott Marion with a second from Ralph Hickson. Discussion on the warrant regarding adding “raise and appropriate up to \$350,000” rather than the current reading of “raise and appropriate \$350,000” was led by Doug Abrams. If DRA will allow change Mr Abrams will support, if not he will not support. Vote taken 8-1 to recommend.
Becky Bergeron will check with DRA on language.

\$300,000 for the mini pumper – Scott Marion moved to recommend with a second from Kevin Brandon. Vote 9-0.

Becky Bergeron to email committee with account balance.

A hearty discussion was held regarding the \$40,000 for the needed repairs on the barn at Goss Farm. A motion was made to recommend by Scott Marion with a second by Peggy Balboni with a committee vote of 6-3.

When the committee moved to the next warrant article for the \$5,000 to be put into a Goss Farm Maintenance Fund the committee considered combining both warrant articles for the barn and approaching DRA for the proper language. The committee recommended to table this warrant article moved by Scott Marion with a second from Peggy Balboni. 9-0.

With this decision, Mr. Crapo moved to reconsider the vote on the \$40,000 barn repair fund with a second from Jeff Ross. The committee vote was 9-0. After this vote, Mr. Crapo moved to table said warrant article and a second was received from Doug Abrams, the vote was 9-0.

The last warrant article addressed by the committee refers to \$300,000 to be raised for a TAP grant for an \$800,000 project in town center. This is a repeat of the successful ballot warrant article from last year. We are re-applying for the grant. The motion to recommend was made by Scott Marion with a second from Ralph Hickson. The vote was 9-0.

Kevin Brandon left the meeting.

The budget committee reviewed with revenue. All revenue presented is reasonable. The committee does not vote to recommend the revenue.

A short work session is scheduled at 6pm on 1/14 before the public hearing at 6:30pm on that day.

Dania Seglie left the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Marion with a second from Doug Abrams at 8:04 for a roll call vote of 7-0.