



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

Middleton Budget Committee Meeting

March 23, 2023

Present: Bonnie Gagnon, Andrea Bowden, Kathleen Blaney, Janelle Guarino, Sierra Pawnell, Krystal Beaulieu by phone. Tracy Donovan-Laviolette BOS Representative

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Pledge of allegiance

Agenda Items:

Bonnie Gagnon welcomed all the new board members. Bonnie Gagnon stated that a Resignation letter was turned into her by Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, due to her taking on the role of Board of Selectmen.

Bonnie Gagnon states that there is a vacancy on the Budget Committee Board, and she is making a motion to appoint Andrea Bowden. Kathleen Blaney 2nd the motion. Board takes a vote all in favor. Motion passes.

There is a discussion on approving the minutes for January 11th meeting. Andrea Bowden asked if there can be more detail on the minutes next time. Andrea Bowden makes a motion to approve the January 11th meeting minutes, Bonnie Gagnon 2nd the motion. The motion passes with 3 ayes and 3 abstains. Laura Parker states that you don't have to abstain if you were not there, Kathleen Blaney states that she understands this but doesn't feel comfortable just getting the minutes and not being there to vote on this. Andrea Bowden makes the motion to approve the minutes for January 18th, 2023, Bonnie Gagnon 2nd motion. Laura Parker states that maybe let the new members read the minutes and table the minutes till next meeting so they have time to read them. Andrea Bowden makes an amendment to the motion and motions to table the minutes of January 18th, 2023, Kathleen Blaney 2nd the motion all in favor. Motion passes. Andrea Bowden makes motion to table the minutes of February 15th, 2023, Bonnie Gagnon 2nd the motion all in favor, motion passes.

Bonnie Gagnon asked if anyone would like to be chair. Andrea Bowden and Kathleen Blaney both stated that they would be interested. Bonnie Gagnon motion for Andrea Bowden to be Chair, there was no 2nd. Sierra Pawnell motion for Kathleen Blaney to be chair and Krystal Beaulieu 2nd the motion. All in favor the motion passes. Bonnie Gagnon motions Andrea Bowden to be Vice- chair Janelle Guarino 2nd the motion all in favor the motion passes.

There was discussion on SLVD about their Meeting coming up the question was asked when was their meeting? Andrea Bowden stated that she believed it was May 13th at 9:00am. Discussion was made about the April 17th, 2023, Public hearing. Bonnie Gagnon stated that the Dam was being paid off this year and that the budget would be about \$40,000 dollars. Bonnie Gagnon also stated that they have not gotten any budget from SLVD for the Budget Committee can look at their numbers. Kathleen Blaney stated that she would reach out to SLVD about this.

Bonnie Gagnon states that we will be going over the school budget does anyone have any questions. Kathleen Blaney asked where should they be in their budget right now? Krystal Beaulieu states that she will look into the budget and where the school should be. Andrea Bowden asked if the 2nd grade teacher has been hired and Krystal Beaulieu stated that they were hired. Tracy Donovan-Laviolette asked if the Math teacher was hired Krystal Beaulieu stated that they were not. There was discussion on the Bus Drivers pay. Andrea Bowden wanted to know what the discussion on the 120,000 cuts were, Krystal Beaulieu states that she will talk with Cathy Oblenes on this matter and will get the answer next meeting. Kathleen Blaney asked about line 2220 Media Services and Krystal Beaulieu states that the school has not had a media service for a long time.

The Board moves to the Town budget. Andrea Bowden asked why we have an amount in a zero line. There shouldn't be any money in a zero line. Laura Parker states that it was probably in the wrong line. Kathleen Blaney asked about line 4130-65 is this Eversource and Roxanne Keegan said yes. Kathleen Blaney asked why we can't look into a co-op and Tracy Donovan-Laviolette stated that she can look into this. Kathleen Blaney asked what is the price per gallon on the budget diesel and gas line of the budget. Tracy Donovan-Laviolette states she will look into this.

Krystal Beaulieu left the meeting at 6:37pm

Bonnie Gagnon asked if 3rd Monday of every month works for everyone and the Majority of the board agreed that it does. The time was changed from 6:30pm to 6:00pm. Bonnie Gagnon asked should we changed the time on the public hearing. Kathleen Blaney states she doesn't know if we can changed the time since it's a Public Hearing but will consult with DRA.

Kathleen Blaney makes a motion to adjourn and Sierra Pawnell 2nd the motion all in favor motion passes.

Meeting Adjourn at 6:46pm

Action Items:

Kathleen Blaney will look into DRA to see if we can change the time on the Public Hearing.

Krystal Beaulieu will look into where the school is on their budget.

Krystal Beaulieu will look into 120,000 cuts with Cathy Oblene.

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette will look into the Co-op for electrical to see if it will be cheaper.

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette will look into how much per gallon on Gas and Diesel for this year budget,

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette will ask Bookkeeper why is there money in a zero line.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Blaney