

Town of Middleton Budget Committee Meeting

October 17, 2022 6:30 PM

Present: Bonnie Gagon, Vice Chair, Andrea Bowen, Craig Moody, Laura Parker, BOS representative, Rebecca Eastman Darrow, School Board representative.

Also present: Dan Saliga, Select Board Member Roxanne Tufts Keegan

Vice Chair Bonnie Gagon called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Minutes of September 19, 2022:

Motion: To approve the minutes of September 19, 2022 as written

Motion: A. Bowen

Second: C. Moody

Motion carried 5/0

Open Budget Committee Seat:

Motion: To appoint Dan Saliga to the Budget Committee

Motion: R. Eastman Darrow

Second: A. Bowen

Motion Carried 5/0

School District Year End Budget Numbers

Discussion ensued regarding paraprofessional wages, as well as using a para as a library aide rather than a librarian.

B. Gagon asked about any potential warrant articles the School Board might put on the ballot in 2023. R. Eastman Darrow stated that they have not discussed this yet.

Town Budget:

Discussion regarding vehicle registrations, as the new clerk is not qualified yet to conduct that part of town business. C. Moody asked what the town will do in the meantime for registrations? Can they go to a neighboring town? L. Parker stated that they are asking neighboring towns if Middleton residents could go there to get registrations, but so far they haven't found a town willing to help out.

L. Parker stated that at this point in the year, the budget should be at 74% they are at 56.52%

C. Moody asked if there were going to be discussions about restructuring the Police Department? He stated that there are many high dollar items on this line, for instance, \$87K for retirement is up 12% from previous years.

Upcoming Select Board meetings will include scheduling meetings with department heads to discuss budget requests.

The next Budget Committee meeting is on November 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn is accepted at 7:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Susan M. Austin

Land Use/Assessing Clerk

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