

# Middleton Budget Committee Meeting

November 20, 2023

## Board Members:

### Budget Committee:

Andrea Bowden, chair

Bonnie Gagnon

Sierra Pawnell

Janelle Guarino

Kathleen Blaney (absent)

### Representatives:

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, BOS

Christine Maynard, LSVD

Rebecca Eastman-Derrow, school (absent)

Krystle Beaulieu, school (absent)

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

## Questions from last meeting:

A. Bowden stated these were included in the minutes from the last meeting.

## Other:

Jan Brooks, a representative of End 68 Hours of Hunger, gave a presentation about the organization. She stated the program is available to children in pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The program has been involved with MES sing 2019. The program offers 3 dinners, 2 lunches, and 2 breakfast meals to cover weekend meals. She stated the organization was hoping to secure a donation from the town for the upcoming budget year. R. Tufts-Keegan if other towns donated to the organization. A. Bowden asked if the organization presented to the school board, then provided her with information to attend the next school board meeting. C. Maynard asked if the organization seeks grants. J. Sinclair asked if the organization if they request any donations from Strafford County. He also asked if program was offered to home schooled children.

## Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2023

B. Gagnon motioned to table until the next meeting. J. Guarino seconded, motioned carried.

## YTF budget review & 2024 proposed budget review discussion – Municipal.

S. Pawnell asked what the stipend for the treasurer. It was stated the stipend is \$171.23. This is paid every two weeks.

A. Bowden asked about Health Coverage and why it didn't change. R. Tufts-Keegan stated the town changed plans for next year and the premium for the new plans was about the same as the current years' premium.

C. Maynard asked how much the premiums were? R. Tufts-Keegan stated with the plan change the premiums were about the same as this years' premium.

Bonnie asked whether the highway seasonal highway position was filled. R. Tufts-Keegan stated the position was filled and the individual would be starting the beginning of the new year.

The cost of the tax maps was discussed whether the amount budgeted was enough.

A. Bowden asked about salary increases. R. Tufts-Keegan stated the BOS had not discussed salary increases yet.

S. Pawnell asked about the latest Fire/EMS budget. R. Tufts-Keegan stated the budget numbers provided to the BC did not include the latest update from the Fire Chief. New numbers were provided to the BOS after the reports had been provide to the BC. She stated those numbers would be provided to the BC.

There was discussion regarding the payrate for EMS/EMT.

#### **YTF budget review – School**

No budget numbers were available to review.

#### **Budget timeline**

R. Tufts-Keegan stated the BOS would provide finalized number to the BC for the 12/18/2023 meeting. She also stated the BOS would be setting the date for any public hearings required by the BOS. This would primarily be for the warrant articles.

#### **Any other business:**

A. Bowden stated she received an email from Scott Ferguson (BOS) regarding the Town Holiday dinner. She needed to provide him with a count of who would be attending.

J. Sindorf commented about End of 68 Hours of Hunger and using guidelines to determine eligibility for the program. He asked why the organization doesn't do financial checks on the families who receive services.

#### **Adjournment:**

R. Tufts-Keegan made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm. S. Pawnell seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxanne Tufts-Keegan