

**Middleton  
Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
9.21.2020**

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Attendance:

Budget Committee

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chair

Scott Ferguson

Bonnie Gagnon

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette

Joe Varga - BOS Selectman Representative

Mary Knapp – School Board Rep

Absent:

Laura Parker, Vice Chair

Janet Kalar – Village District Representative

6:33 pm – Meeting called to order by Roxanne Tufts-Keegan

Pledge of Allegiance

**Old Business:**

- 8/16/2020 Budget committee meeting minutes, reviewed and accepted. Mary Knapp motioned to accept minutes as written, Bonnie Gagnon seconded motion. Minutes accepted as written.
- Mary Knapp provided information received from School Board/SAU regarding questions from 7/20/2020 meeting. Further discussion occurred regarding special meeting set for Budget Committee and School Board to review school budget with SAU representative also present. Meeting scheduled for 10/21/2020 at the Middleton School.

**New Discussion:**

- Janet Kalar had question presented by Roxanne Tufts-Keegan in her absence, regarding school buses traveling through the town which appeared to be empty. This question was initially purposed to Mary Knapp. Bonnie Gagnon advised buses are not empty, the children on the buses are small and cannot be seen as the bus is traveling by.
- Review of school current budget. Joe Varga pointed out what appeared to be formula issue with budget presented by school, Line 2410. No further discussion was had regarding school budget.

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- Review of Town budget. Joe Varga reviewed budget and provided explanations for budget lines which were under or over current spent rate. Internet and Phone line, old town hall did not originally have internet or phone. Police maintenance line was accurate and current over budget due to outfitting and decaling of new police cruiser.
- Discussion was had and information provided by Joe Varga outlining timing and cost of new Town website. Projected to be complete within 12 months. Portion of cost associated with new website design and consultation fees will be covered with Covid-19 reimbursement.
- Joe Varga explained concerns with waste/rubbish line being \$15,000.00 dollars over budget. This was a cost not initially budgeted for and was brought about after 2020 purposed budget due to change in rubbish removal provider. Further discussion was had, regarding bulk waste removal and how Pinard Waste Services handles cost and billing to Town.
- Tracy Donovan-Laviolette excuses herself from meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Roxanne Tufts-Keegan discussed revenues noting highway department money coming and questioned if it was reimbursement for money spent. Joe Varga will follow up on question.
- At 7:25 p.m. Bonnie Gagnon motioned to adjourn meeting. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan seconded motion. Motion passed without further discussion

Respectfully Submitted by

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Scott Ferguson – Vice Chair