

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
DELIBERATIVE SESSION – SCHOOL
RE-VOTE
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Auditorium
Kennett High School, Conway, NH

Chairman, Joe Mosca called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm. The following members were present: Vice Chairman, Jim LeFebvre, Mike Fougere, Pat Swett, Terry McCarthy, John Edgerton, Doug Swett, Bill Marvel, John Colbath, Steve Steiner, Mark Hounsell, Richard Klement, Pat Kittle, Mark Hounsell, Mike Tetreault, and Bill Masters. Also present: Lisa Towle, recording secretary.

Absent: Frank McCarthy

Article 2: the bond, it was increased by \$1 to \$2,100,001.

Motion to recommend by Jim LeFebvre, second by Mark Hounsell.

Discussion:

Bill Marvel commented I am tired of these \$1 increases and decreases just to generate a vote.

Mark Hounsell commented the person who wanted to opportunity to change the vote is a member of the budget committee. I think this vote even though the budget committee made it the school board wanted to be able to record the vote differently, that is the reason for the \$1 increase. I hope the budget committee doesn't take that as an invitation to go against the bond.

Peter Donohoe asked if the district owns an emergency generator? Is it an expenditure coming down the line? Strong argument to repurpose the fuel tank and I agree \$20,000 was spent only 7 years ago. Mark Hounsell commented I agree, my preference for fuel choice was oil, I agree with you on that. The oil tank I think was looked at too and the engineering said go to gas, which leaves the tank and is something we don't need. We can rip it out or repurpose it and repurposing it makes better sense. Peter Donohoe commented at what cost to the

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taxpayer were the emergency generators. Mark Hounsell responded there is not a proposal for emergency generators. Chairman Mosca commented he was told they would use the fuel for school department vehicles. Peter Donohoe commented I sell fuel to them and it's not much, approximately three 275 gallon tanks, so I am not buying the repurpose argument, not that I am against the bond.

Dick Klement commented there is an emergency generator at the high school and I am not sure what it runs off.

Bill Masters commented that he was told the boilers could be done for about a million. Suggested they come through with a figure to amend this down to a million. It is something to explore as lost the opportunity last year to replace all at \$2 million by buying in bulk and we chose not to.

Chairman Mosca commented work needs to be done to the electrical, air quality, it all needs to be done.

Dick Klement commented the main problem is they are in violation of fire codes when they run extension cords on the floor. That all needs to be fixed and more outlets need to be put in, which means the panels need to be redone. Can't keep passing on it at some point we are going to have to bite the bullet and spend the money.

In favor: 13; Opposed: 3; Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of January 18, 2017 motion to accept minutes. Motion by Jim LeFebvre and second by Peter Donohoe. [duplicate motion see minutes from February 16, 2017]

Discussion of minutes: none

In favor: 14; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 2. Motion carried.

Minutes of January 25, 2017 motion to accept minutes. Motion by Jim LeFebvre and second by Mike Fougere. [duplicate motion see minutes from February 16, 2017]

Discussion of minutes:

Bill Marvel noted that on page 7 "gab fly" should be "gadfly".

In favor: 14; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 2. Motion carried (as amended).

Minutes of January 30, 2017 motion to accept minutes. Motion by Jim LeFebvre and second by Peter Donohoe.

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Discussion of minutes: none

In favor: 14; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 2. Motion carried.

Mike Fougere moved, seconded by Vice Chairman, Jim LeFebvre to adjourn the budget committee at 8:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa E. Towle, Recording Secretary