

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
September 21, 2016**

A meeting of the Municipal Budget Committee was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Professional Development Room at Kennett Middle School with the following members present: Chairman Joe Mosca, Doug Swett, Dick Klement, Pat Swett, Bill Marvel, Jim LeFebvre, Terry McCarthy, Michael Fougere, Steven Steiner (left the meeting at 6:50 PM), Mike Tetreault, Peter Donohoe and Pat Kittle. Excused: Mark Hounsell, John Edgerton, John Colbath, Bill Masters and Christopher DeVries.

Joe Mosca led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mosca advised that the update on the School Heating System at John Fuller Elementary School would be tabled until the next meeting in October.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the proposed Schedule for the Budget Committee's upcoming year. Chairman Mosca asked if there were any questions concerning the Schedule.

Dick Klement moved, seconded by Jim LeFebvre, to accept the Budget Committee's Schedule as written. In favor: 12; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0.

Discussion was held on the Committee's Ethics Policy. Chairman Mosca stated that he wanted to be sure that all members were aware of the Ethics Policy and that what happened at the last meeting will not happen again. He advised that he didn't want to see members attacking each other or other Boards. If a situation should arise in the future, Chairman will rule that the member is out of order and move on.

Jim LeFebvre reported on the Pre-K. They are still holding meetings and until the School is straightened up on the K-12 issue, he believes that the Pre-K expansion would not be in the best interest of the Town or the taxpayers.

Chairman asked if there was any further Old Business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the Town and School employee raises every year and the differences compared to those receiving Social

Security and/or those working multiple jobs. Discussion was held on obtaining additional information from each agency, including the non-profits, on the average raises over the last 10 years, or the possibility of a lesser amount of years, and the average dollar value of those raises. It was requested that possibly a questionnaire could be prepared for the next meeting concerning this issue.

Discussion was held on the staffing levels in the Schools; there are presently 180 teachers and the issue that no deduction in staffing has occurred. Conclusion of the discussion was that at some point the Town and School personnel need to come to terms with the fact that they can't keep asking for more and more money, especially when people don't have it.

Discussion followed on the Rec Department not moving into the Middle School and the reasons why the Selectmen made this decision.

Discussion followed on the Charter School building being torn down and the affect it will have if, in fact, the building is torn down. Dick Klement stated that it was his understanding that the Charter School will be staying in that building for several more years, two more years at least.

Discussion followed on obtaining additional information on the class sizes from Kindergarten through the 12th Grade. Chairman Mosca stated that he would send something out to the School Board on this issue.

Chairman Mosca asked if there was any other New Business that anyone would like to discuss. There was none.

Bill Marvel moved, seconded by Dick Klement, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Iris A. Bowden, Recording Secretary