

**Auburn Budget Committee Meeting
January 4, 2024
Stritch Meeting Room
Approved Minutes
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Chairman Peter Miles, Dan Carpenter, Vice-Chair David Wesche, Kevin Downing, Joanne Linxweiler, School Board Representative Alan Villeneuve, and Selectman Representative Keith Leclair

Others Present: Library Director Daniel Szczesny, Cindy Berling, Alternate Library Trustee, Finance & Budget Administrator Mimi Friolet, Town Administrator Chris Sterndale, and Nancy Hoijer, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

Chairman Miles called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Introductions

Chairman Miles introduced the members who were present.

III. Approval of Minutes

- December 21, 2023

Mr. Villeneuve motioned to approve the December 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Wesche seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.

IV. Town 2024 Budget & Warrant

A. Default Budget

Town Administrator Sterndale provided a copy of the Default Budget for review.

B. Revenues

Town Administrator Sterndale provided a spreadsheet of revenues, which he noted offset property taxes, for 2022, 2023 and estimated 2024. Finance & Budget Administrator Friolet noted the revenues for 2023 were projected at \$3,812,237.

C. Appropriation Warrant Articles

Town Administrator Sterndale provided a draft of the appropriation related warrant articles. He noted most were reserve funds to be transferred out of fund balance. The first warrant proposed is the operating budget which Mr. Villeneuve moved to approve.

Mr. Villeneuve motioned to support the proposed operating budget. Mr. Wesche seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Miles read out loud the proposed warrant article to establish a reserve fund for the Community Center & Library. Cindy Berling expressed concerns with the wording of the proposed article. Mr. Szczesny indicated the Trustees have not reviewed the language and meet on Monday. Mr. Villeneuve noted it was too late to post a warrant for a bond article. The Committee agreed to hold off on voting to recommend the article until next week so the Trustees could meet on Monday.

Mr. Miles indicated the rest of the articles would be voted on next week.

Town Administrator Sterndale reported that Mr. Tardiff reviewed the proposed changes to the elderly exemption.

V. Adjourn

The next meeting is on January 11th at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Villeneuve moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM, seconded by Mr. Carpenter A vote was taken; all were in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Hoijer,
Recording Secretary

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