

**Auburn Budget Committee Meeting
January 12, 2023
Stritch Meeting Room
Approved Minutes
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Chairman Peter Miles, Dan Carpenter, David Wesche, Joanne Linxweiler, Paula Marzloff, Kevin Downing, School Board Representative Janice Baker and Selectman Representative Keith Leclair

Others Present: Finance Assistant Mimi Friolet, Selectman Michael Rolfe, 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. Public Hearing – 2023 Operating Budget

Chairman Miles opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM and closed the public hearing at 7:06 PM.

III. Committee Deliberations on Budget & Warrants

Mr. Wesche motioned to recommend Warrant Articles Third through Ninth as written. Ms. Marzloff seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Leclair stated that the Board of Selectmen were pleased at the outcome of the 5.5% increase after working to reduce the increase by working on the employee health insurance and shifting roads with grant money and using ARPA funds. He noted the new full-time firefighter positions will be a full year next year and the Fire Chief mentioned Tanker 2 is operating well and passing inspections and pump tests and as long as it continues to pass the Town can defer purchase of a new one by another year. The proposed increase for the AVS budget, without the teacher's contract is 2.78%.

Mr. Leclair motioned to recommend the School Budget as presented. Mr. Wesche seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Baker reviewed the three-year salary and benefits increase for the teacher contract with year one a \$180,000 or 3% increase and 5% increases in years two and three. She noted there had been no increase for a long time and AVS School Board did what they could for the first year's increase. Mr. Leclair asked if the bottom end of the pay scale was addressed. Mrs. Baker responded that the Board recognized the low comparison, but negotiations didn't go so

well. However there are several areas where teachers can work and earn more money through performance incentives.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- December 8, 2022

Mrs. Baker motioned to approve the December 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Mrs. Marzloff seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Mr. Miles abstained. The motion passed 7-0-1.

V. Adjourn

The Deliberative Session will be on February 4, 2023.

Mr. Wesche moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, seconded by Mrs. Marzloff. A vote was taken; all were in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Hoijer,
Recording Secretary

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