

**Town of Auburn  
Budget Committee  
January 15, 2015**

**Members Present:** Peter Miles, Bertrand Ouellette, David Wesche, Paula Marzloff, Mary Beth Lufkin, Alan Villeneuve, James Headd and Daniel Carpenter

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Bill Herman, Finance Director Adele Frisella, Business Administrator for SAU 15 Karen Lessard, School Board Vice Chair Brian D'Amelio, Mr. Albert Samson

Budget Committee meeting opened at 6:30pm to review School Board Warrants

**Minutes of December 6<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting**

***Paula Marzloff moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2014 and January 8, 2015, seconded by David Wesche. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried.***

**School District Warrant Articles**

Alan Villeneuve present two warrant articles for the School Board.

*Warrant Article #4- Shall the Auburn School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the School Board)*

Alan Villeneuve noted that this funds current balance is \$90,000. The School Board would like to have it at \$150,000 at all times.

***Alan Villeneuve moved the Budget Committee recommend the appropriation of \$25,000 for the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. Seconded by David Wesche. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried***

*Warrant Article #3- Shall the Auburn School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the School Construction Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by School Board)*

Alan Villeneuve stated that \$90,000 of this fund was used in 2014 to replace major systems in the building.

Paula Marzloff commented that the building improvements line item for \$170,000 which was approved at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was mainly for maintenance issues and should be in the maintenance line. Brian D'Amelio stated that due to old plans for either a new school or addition no maintenance has been done for years. The School Board is now in a position of playing catchup. The deferred maintenance necessitates the need to use much of the building improvements line item for maintenance issues.

A general discussion ensued in regards to the School Building and the decline of the school

population.

***Alan Villeneuve moved the Budget Committee recommend the appropriation of \$75,000 for the School Construction Expendable Trust Fund. Seconded by Paula Marzloff. A vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried***

## **Public Hearing – School District and Town Budgets**

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Peter Miles convened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2015-2016 School District budget & warrant articles and the FY 2015 Town budget and warrant articles.

The Chairman began the hearing by addressing the Town Meeting warrant.

***Warrant Article #3 -- To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items for year two of a two-year collective bargaining agreement which resulted from negotiations between the Auburn Board of Selectmen and the Auburn Police Commission and the Auburn Police Union, Local 216 and which represents an estimated increase of \$8,810 over FY 2014 salaries, fringe benefits and other cost items at the current staffing level for the ensuing year; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand eight hundred ten dollars (\$8,810), such sum representing the negotiated increase over 2014 salaries, fringe benefits and other cost items at the current staffing levels. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)***

***Warrant Article #4- To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-four thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$34,675?) to implement a comprehensive mosquito control program to include the integration of various methods of reducing mosquito vector species of West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)***

David Wesche asked what constitutes comprehensive. William Herman said this is the wording recommended by the DRA.

***Warrant Article #5- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000?) to be placed into the Town Building Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2014 with no additional amount to be raised by taxation in 2015. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)***

***Warrant Article #6- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-two thousand, two-hundred and ninety-three dollars(\$42,293?) to purchase and equip a new replacement forestry truck for the Auburn Fire Department. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee)***

***Warrant Article #9- Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote for the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling\$5,018,020? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,102,176, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Auburn or by law; or the governing body may hold***

*one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.*

*NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not included appropriations contained in any other warrant article.*

There were no other public comments or questions on the proposed town budget or warrant articles

**The Chairman then addressed the School District warrant.**

*Warrant Article #2- Shall the Auburn School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$12,732,185?** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$12,719,518**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Auburn School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the School Board)*

*Warrant Article #3- Shall the Auburn School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (**\$75,000?**) to be added to the School Construction Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

*Warrant Article #4- Shall the Auburn School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (**\$25,000?**) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)*

There were no public comments or questions on the proposed School District budget or warrant articles.

Mr. Albert Samson inquired if the Budget Committee has taken into account the decrease in the fuel rate, and what is to be done with any possible savings. William Herman said that the town rate is 10% below daily market price. Karen Lessard said that the school buses are in the first year of a three year contract. The contract has a fuel rider which floats.

The Chairman closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM

The Budget Committee members signed copies of the Town and School District budget documents to be posted with the warrants for the School District and the Town Meetings.

**Adjourn**

**Alan Villeneuve moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Seconded by David Wesche. A vote was taken; all were in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.