

TOWN OF SEABROOK

BUDGET MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2008

Present: Paula Wood 6:00PM
Richard Maguire
Aboul Khan
Cora Stockbridge
Ivan Eaton
Richard A. McCann
Scott Dunn

Mrs. Wood opened the meeting at 6:10PM.

Mr. Dunn summarized the recommended changes by DRA.

Article 4 – cannot use interest bearing money language so the language was removed.

Article 5 - raise and appropriate was included in the article.

Article 38 - raise and appropriate was included in the article.

Article 39 – the language to authorize the selectmen to expend funds has been removed. Mr. Dunn explained how the money would be put into the fund.

The final draft of the warrant is before the committee. It is a legal document and ready to go before the voters.

Paula Wood said she has concerns with article 5. One part says to transfer and the other half says to raise and appropriate. Mr. Dunn said he was told it was worded oddly but would pass DRA.

Paula Wood said the revenue page does not show what was previously voted. Mr. Dunn explained why it has changed. Her concern is they are doing something after they have finalized their budget. Mrs. Wood read RSA 32:5 and said based on this she does not feel they can change anything at this time. It should be done at the deliberative session. She said the selectmen numbers have changed but they did not vote it at the meeting on January 23.

Richard Maguire asked if Paula Wood agrees with the changes and just feels that the procedure is not correct.

Cora Stockbridge feels the public hearing is the drop-dead date. She commented she also has a problem with the word transfer in article 5.

Richard McCann discussed the steps to be taken to get where they want to be. Mr. Dunn said the intent is there and it was discussed at the public hearing. Paula Wood argued no discussion on the revenues and it has been changed. Mr. Dunn commented the law only requires it be disclosed and it was. He said the budget committee could vote up until the warrant is posted. He said he would put in any numbers the budget committee wants.

Cora Stockbridge said the 1.7 million was never put in the budget. Mr. Dunn agreed but said it was disclosed at the public hearing so it could be added to the budget.

Cora Stockbridge commented on article 4 and asked if we would be put into a position that we would have to pay taxes. Mr. Dunn said it depends on the loan and when it is received. He said they are looking at different options.

There was general discussion on non-lapsing language in lease articles.

Cora Stockbridge questioned the language in article 38 and where the money comes from if they don't raise and appropriate enough. Mr. Dunn said the money would have to be put in this year.

Paula Wood said if a motion is made at the deliberative session the budget committee and selectmen would have to vote on the amount.

MOTION: Paula Wood
Second: Aboul Khan
Present: Ivan Eaton
 Cora Stockbridge
Motion passed.

To accept the changes in the articles as DRA recommends.

MOTION: Richard Maguire
Second: Aboul Khan
Opposed: Paula Wood
 Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

To accept the revenues figure.

MOTION: Richard Maguire
Second: Richard McCann
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

Paula Wood, Chairman

Date: _____