

Town Of Chatham
Annual Town Budget Meeting minutes
February 3, 2016

Present

Selectman: Bill Perry, Jason Eastman
Guests: Gary Banhart, Linda Cooper, Paul Cooper,
Town Clerk: Patricia Pitman
Budget Committee Members: Kathy Harju, Eleanor Eastman, Doug MacPherson, George Perry, Lisa Lewis

Meeting Called to order 7:01pm

The Budget Committee reviewed and discussed each line Item of the Selectman's recommended appropriations for the towns operating budget for ensuing year. Each line Item was voted on and unanimously voted in favor by the budget committee.

With the exception of articles 2, 3, 7B, and 20 (noted below), the Budget Committee approved each warrant article by unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article #2 Town Hall Project (option A)
All Budget Committee members were opposed. Vote (0-5)

Article#3 Town Office Project (option B)
Two Budget Committee members were in favor of this project while three members were opposed. Vote (2-3)

Article #7B Saco Valley Fire Truck Fund
Three Budget Committee members were in favor and Two Budget Committee member were opposed. Vote (3-2)

Article # 20 To reclassify a portion of Butter Hill Rd.
This article was NOT voted on by the budget committee as there was no monetary amount on the article.

Discussions

Bill Perry discussed the town hall/office project (articles #2and3) and the importance of bringing the towns municipal building and operations into compliance with the current regulations and laws.

The committee also discussed (article #7B) the Saco Valley Fire truck fund. The committee wanted to know how much the fire department was trying to raise for this fund as well as the intent. The letter sent to the town office by the department had very little information.

Meeting Adjourned 8:47pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lewis

Please note that the Budget committee is acting in the capacity of an Advisory Budget Committee.

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