

## NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2022

**Present:** Morris Boudreau, Scott Haskins, Selectmen Representative Mark Hubbell, Amy O'Hara and Carl Bartlett.

Also Present: Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, Selectmen Kevin Waldron, and Selectman Jason Durgin

**Absent:** George Corliss, and Don Stevens.

Vice-Chairman Boudreau called the meeting to order @ 6:00 pm.

Haskins/Bartlett motioned to approve the minutes of January 13th, 2022, with the addition of \$1,925.00 added to the Tax Collector budget. a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Carl Bartlett responded to a letter from Amy O'Hara which was read into the minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, about past budget meetings. Mr. Bartlett wanted to make clear to the current Budget Committee that the Selectmen did not follow the recommendations of the 2021 Budget Committee's Recommended Budget as they withheld some of the funds to outside agencies

The Town Administrator advised the Committee that there was a clerical error in last week's budget in which the Town Administrators FICA line was incorrect. \$55.00 was incorrectly added to the budget, the correct number should have been \$11,650.00, which will change the bottom-line number to \$307,576.00, from the incorrect number of \$295,926.00.

Hubbell/O'Hara motioned to accept \$307,576.00 as the bottom line to the Town Administrator Budget, all in favor, motion passed.

Haskins/O'Hara motioned to accept the final budget amount of \$3,684,313.00 for the 2022 Budget. A vote of 4-1, motion passed.

The Committee reviewed the warrant articles individually.

Haskins/Hubbell motion to approve article #4, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Hubbell/O'Hara motion to approve article #5, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Haskins/Hubbell motion to approve article #6, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Hubbell/Haskins motion to approve article #7, a vote of 4-1, motion passed.

Haskins/O'Hara motion to approve article #8, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

O'Hara/Bartlett motion to approve article #9, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Hubbell/Haskins motion to approve article #10, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Haskins/Hubbell motion to approve article #11, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Haskins/Hubbell motion to approve article #12, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

Hubbell/O'Hara motion to approve article #13, a vote of 4-1, motion passed.

Hubbell/Haskins motion to approve article #14, a vote of 4-1, motion passed.

Hubbell/O'Hara motion to approve article #15, a vote of 4-1, motion passed.

Hubbell/O'Hara motion to approve article #16, a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

The next meeting will be the public hearing on the budget for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 6pm

Selectman Waldron asked to speak to the Committee. He thanked the Committee for all that they did to help with the budget and all the time that it takes to be committed in volunteering to being on a board. Also, Selectman Waldron added the process with the old Loader and how the Selectmen addressed it.

Hubbell/O'Hara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.

Minutes recorded by Town Administrator Ken Robichaud.

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