

Rindge Budget Advisory Committee
DRAFT MINUTES
January 10, 2018

PRESENT: Budget Advisory Members Sharon Rasku, Chair (SR), Don Cook Vice Chair (DC), Al L'Eplattenier (AL), Cheryl McCabe-Charron, Secretary (CMC), Roberta Oeser, Ex-Officio (RO), and David Graham (DG), Phil Moto, alternate (PH), Karl Pruter, alternate (KP), Ellen Smith, alternate(ES). Absent: Rick Sirvint (RS)

SR called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

SR appointed Phil Moto a voting member in the absence of Rick Sirvint.

Approval of meeting minutes: RO motioned to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting with correction, DC seconded; all were in favor, the motion passed. CMC noted that the 7/31/2018 minutes were approved on 9/20/18 however the minutes from 9/20/2018 do not reflect this.

Article 1 – N/A

RO made a motion to accept Article 2; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 3; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 4; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 5; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 6;DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 7;DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 8; DC seconded, ES asked about the Ward Fund. There was discussion regarding the Ward Fund and the Meeting House. The expectation of the BAC is that the Meeting House via the Ward Fund would pay ½ of the generator cost. All were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 9; DC seconded. There was a discussion on the wording of the article. A total of \$20,000 would be raised from taxation. All were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 10; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 11; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

Article 12 – N/A

Article 13 – N/A

RO made a motion to accept Article 14;DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 15; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 16; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 17; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

RO made a motion to accept Article 18; DC seconded, all were in favor of the Article.

Article 19 –NA

Article 20 –NA

Article 21 –NA

Article 22 - Warren Harris of the Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association spoke on behalf of their petition – requesting \$2500 this year and then planning to request \$2,500 for next four years. The funds are for the expense of Milfoil weed treatment. In the past Contoocook Lake Area Preservation Association members (lake front property owners) have paid to control the weed. A new chemical treatment has become available at a much higher cost. There was a discussion on Milfoil and its origins. There is no Rindge town beach on Contoocook Lake and it is not used for drinking water. The town does have a boat launch. CMC could not support the Article. Milfoil is an invasive plant and a man-made problem. The Milfoil is transferred by boats/propellers. It is found in most lakes in New Hampshire. She felt it was not the place of the Rindge tax payers, who have little access to the lake, to be responsible for paying for the weed problem. CMC Lake properties are among the most expensive in Rindge and many of them are weekend homes. ES asked Mr. Harris if he had spoken with the Rindge Conservation Commission regarding funding and he stated he had, however, there was no offer of funding. RO felt it was the property owners place to pay for it. RO made a motion to accept Article 22: DC seconded -0 in favor, 7 opposed.

RO made a motion to accept Article 23; DC seconded:1 in favor, 6 opposed.

RO made a motion to accept Article 24 –NA

RO made a motion to accept Article 25; DC seconded:6 in favor, 1 opposed.

SR will provide the BOS with the BAC's 2019 Town Warrant Article vote results.

Per RO estimate town tax rate to include the budget and articles as written \$4.53, up from \$4.40 last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl McCabe-Charron

Attachment: Copy of 2019 Town Warrant Articles

Attendance sheet – Others in Attendance

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