



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NH 03263**

MEETING MINUTES OF Wednesday, January 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 6:15 PM by Robert Schiferle, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT (9)

Robert Schiferle, Chair
Mary Paradise, Vice Chair
Jeremy Everson, Secretary
Heidi Asdot, School Board Rep.
Michael Cabral
John Christakos
Larry Konopka
Paul Metcalf III
Randy Severance

MEMBERS ABSENT (5)

Carol Richardson, Select Board Rep.
Katie Bachelder
Fred Hast, excused
Ralph O'Dell
Helen Schiff

GUESTS PRESENT

None

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED:

- *Pittsfield School District Default Budget 2020-2021*
- *Pittsfield School District Warrant – 2020, DRAFT*

Agenda Item 1: School District Default Budget

Documents Referenced:

- *Pittsfield School District Default Budget 2020-2021*
- *Pittsfield School District Warrant – 2020, DRAFT*

The School District Default Budget is a decrease of \$1,001,451 (3.79 per thousand) from the current tax load, versus the proposed budget at a decrease of \$501,949 (1.90 per thousand) from the current tax load.

Agenda Item 2: School District Warrant Articles, DRAFT

Documents Referenced:

- *Pittsfield School District Warrant – 2020, DRAFT*

- Article 1: School Lunch Program – this amount is offset by revenue from the sale of food and state and federal sources.
- Article 2: Grant Funds – this article exists to clarify the amount of entitlements and grants (revenue) that will be received and spent according to requirements.
- Article 3: Operating Budget – a ‘yes’ vote will install this budget, a ‘no’ vote will install the default budget.
- Article 4: Special Education Capital Reserve Fund - this Capital Reserve Fund serves as a parachute for unexpected expenses in the Special Education Department. The amount will be set by the amount of the unreserved fund balance on June 30, up to \$50,000.
- Article 5: School Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund - this Capital Reserve Fund serves as a parachute for unexpected expenses in the maintenance of the schools. The amount will be set by the amount of the unreserved fund balance on June 30, up to \$50,000.
- Article 6: Technology Capital Reserve Fund – this Capital Reserve Fund will serve for the purchase of computers and other technology equipment for the schools.
- Article 7: Dumpster Replacement Capital Reserve Fund – this is a recurring article to add funds to the Dumpster Replacement Fund to replace the dumpsters according to the plan to replace them in 2014.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Approve: M. Cabral
- Motion 2nd: M. Paradise
- (yes) 7 – (no) 0 – 2 (abstentions)

Motion Passed

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, starting at 6:00 PM.

Calendar:

- There will be a Public Hearing of the Budget Committee on Thursday, January 16, 2020, starting at 7:00 PM, at PMHS, with a snow date of Friday, January 17, 2020.
- January 21, 6:00 PM, voting meeting
- January 22, 6:00 PM, voting meeting
- February 1, 10:00 AM, Town Deliberative Session, at PES
- February 5, 7:00 PM, School Deliberative Session, at PES

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by: Jeremy Everson, Secretary

Approved:



Robert Schiferle, Chair

01/15/2020

Date