



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

MEETING MINUTES OF Wednesday, January 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 6:02 PM by Robert Schiferle, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT (13)

Robert Schiferle, Chair
Mary Paradise, Vice Chair
Jeremy Everson, Secretary
Carol Richardson, Select Board Rep.
Heidi Asdot, School Board Rep.
Katie Bachelder
Michael Cabral
John Christakos
Larry Konopka
Paul Metcalf III
Ralph O'Dell
Helen Schiff
Randy Severance

MEMBERS ABSENT (1)

Fred Hast, excused

GUESTS PRESENT

Dr. John Freeman, Superintendent
Derek Hamilton, Dean of Operations

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED:

– *None*

Agenda Item 1: School District Technology Budget and Warrant Articles

Documents Referenced:

- *Pittsfield School District Warrant – 2020, DRAFT*

Discussion: Dr. John Freeman and Derek Hamilton gave an overview of the School Technology Plan and the budget line item for replacement computers.

- The proposed technology budget would cover all the computers in the PES Learning Commons
- The four-year plan will replace the computers in one of four learning areas throughout the school each year
- The school Board does not intend to ask for \$100,000 in the coming years
- There was much discussion among the board members about the warrant articles regarding the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund and the School Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

The Default Budget will be made available at the Public Hearing for questions and discussion. The Public Hearing will be on January 16, 2020, at 7:00pm.

Agenda Item 2: Public Hearing Preparation

Documents Referenced:

- *Contract Change Summary*
- *Default Budget Form*
- *Revenues Sheets*
- *Draft Town Warrant*
- *CIP Potential Funding*
- *Department by Department Budget Lines*
- *School Draft Warrant*
- *School Default Budget*
- *School Budget Revenues*
- *School Budget Summary*
- *School Technology Plan*

Discussion: the budget committee is holding this public hearing in order to hear from the community the feelings, thoughts and attitude of the taxpayers toward the various budgets, line items and warrant articles. This is not the opportunity for the members of the budget committee to ask questions, but rather for the public to ask questions and voice opinions.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Approve: M. Cabral
- Motion 2nd: L. Konopka
 - B. Schiferle asked to strike the reference to “Election Day” from page 3
- (yes) 10 –(no) 0 – 3 (abstentions)

Motion Passed, Minutes approved with corrections

Next Meeting

Next meeting, a public hearing will be on Thursday, January 16, 2020, starting at 7:00 PM, at the PMHS Lecture Hall.

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 7:43 PM.

Submitted by: Jeremy Everson, Secretary

Approved:



Robert Schiferle, Chair

01/21/2020

Date