



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

MEETING MINUTES OF Tuesday, July 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 7:00 PM by Robert Schiferle, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Schiferle, Chair
Jeremy Everson, Secretary
Katie Bachelder
Fred Hast
Tom Hitchcock
Louis Houle
Ralph O'Dell
Helen Schiff
Randy Severance
Carol Richardson, Select Board Rep.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Paradise, Vice Chair
Richard Guild
Heidi Asdot, School Board Rep.

GUESTS PRESENT

Jim Adams, Select Board
Jim Allard, Select Board
Cara M. Hayes, Town Administrator

Chairman (B. Schiferle) opened the meeting with introduction of the materials and purpose for the meeting/hearing.

Documents Distributed:

- 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant
- Town of Pittsfield / AFT-NH Spreadsheet
- 2018 Town Meeting Minutes (pgs 12-14)
- Tentative Agreement

Item 1: Presentation and Discussion of the Tentative Agreement

Jim Adams (Selectboard) presented a summary of the negotiations and tentative agreement reached with the AFT-NH local union.

Cara M. Hayes (Town Administrator) presented an overview of the Town of Pittsfield / AFT-NH estimated costs spreadsheet.

B. Schiferle opened the floor for public input.

Louis Houle asked about the increase/decrease numbers for the insurance changes and employee portions over the next few years. C. Hayes answered his questions – we have a plan that saves roughly 15% over the previous plan.

Fred Hast asked about the change in the contract scope from April-to-April to January-to-January. J. Adams answered that it was part of the negotiation process.

There was no further public input.

The Public hearing

Item 2: Budget Committee vote to recommend this tentative agreement at the Special Town Meeting

Motion to hold a vote to recommend the tentative agreement.

- Motion to vote: H. Schiff
- Motion 2nd: L. Houle
- Discussion:
 - F. Hast stated that he is not prepared to vote to recommend the proposal.
 - L. Houle stated that this is a good proposal and we need to move forward with it.
 - R. Severance suggested that this is a good start.
 - T. Hitchcock stated that the insurance concern raised at the town meeting is a major concern and has been addressed with this proposal.
- Vote to hold a vote to recommend:
 - 9 (yes) – 1 (no) – 0 (abstentions)

Motion Passed to hold a vote to recommend

Motion to recommend the tentative agreement to the Special Town Meeting.

- Motion to recommend: R. Severance
- Motion 2nd: K. Bachelder
- 9 (yes) – 1 (no) – 0 (abstentions)

Motion Passed to recommend the tentative agreement

Item 3: Approval of Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Approve: L. Houle
- Motion 2nd: B. Schiferle
- There were three corrections
- Vote to approve
 - 10 (yes) – 0 (no) – 0 (abstentions)

Motion Passed to approve minutes

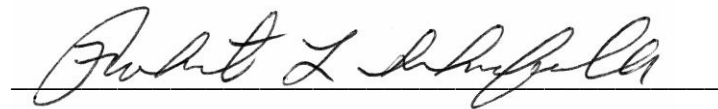
Next Meeting

There will be a deliberative session on August 9, 2018, at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by: Jeremy Everson, Secretary

Approved:



Robert Schiferle, Chair

07/18/2018

Date