

Nottingham Budget Committee Meeting

1-4-22

Official Minutes as of 4-7-22

1 Call to Order

2 Members Present: Michelle King (Chair), John Decker (Vice Chair), Michael Koester, Sandra
3 Jones, Tom Butkiewicz, Jeffrey Morrison, Bob Kelly, Michael Kelly, Tiler Eaton (Select Board
4 rep), Megan Sebasco (School Board rep)

5 Absent: Tom Leveille

6 Others: Lorraine Petrini

7 The Chair opened the meeting at 6:34pm.

8 Ms. Sebasco arrived at 6:37pm.

9 Mr. Decker arrived at 6:39pm.

10 Mr. M. Kelly arrived at 6:56pm.

11 Approve Minutes

12 **Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the public minutes from 12-21-21 as written. Dr.**
13 **Butkiewicz seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 9-1, with Ms. Sebasco**
14 **abstaining.**

15 Town Final Budget

16 The town is working on their budget. Mr. Eaton said they approved using the end of year surplus
17 money to pay for police tasers, fuel tank and guard rail. The BOS is still deciding about the fire
18 department personnel for the 2022 budget. Mr. Eaton said the budget was an over 10% increase
19 but it may be around 4% now. There was discussion about paying off debt on land the town
20 owns however, the Conservation Commission has to agree to pay off the land. Mr. Decker said
21 they could put it as a warrant article. Mr. Eaton will bring it up to the BOS. There was discussion
22 about whether it would need to be a citizen warrant article. There is \$550K from the federal
23 government for Nottingham to use for engineering, etc. Dr. Butkiewicz said Nottingham is
24 receiving \$381K for meals and room tax from the state which is higher than in years past. It is
25 supposed to be used for property tax relief. Dr. Butkiewicz asked about the charities listed in the
26 budget. He said the town can't give something where they receive nothing in return. There needs
27 to be a documented quid pro quo. Mr. Decker said they used to see the letters from the charities
28 in the past at BC meetings. Ms. Jones asked what they would need to show for Ready Rides; Dr.
29 Butkiewicz and Mr. Decker agreed that the letter should show the number of rides, etc.

30 Mr. Koester asked about the residential property on Freeman Hall Road and Kennard Road. Mr.
31 Eaton will check into that.

32 Dr. Butkiewicz read to Ms. Jones what groups would need to show for charities. He
33 recommended using the same social service form as Newmarket has listed on their website.

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Mr. Eaton said the old town hall and the kitchen community center will be renovated. The school will pay for the old town hall renovations for the SAU. Ms. Sebasco said the school could do up to \$50k for the renovations and they have not met with the BOS yet.

Mr. R. Kelly asked about the town community center kitchen. Mr. Eaton said because of COVID, they put off the renovations but they are doing it now.

Committee Reports

School Facilities

They will be meeting soon. Mr. Koester said there is a bond hearing on Jan. 11 at 5:30pm.

SAU Transition

Mr. Decker said they met yesterday. They were discussing the software company. Ms. Sebasco spoke about the accounting software, and the town and school may get the same system.

Capital Improvement Plan

Ms. King went over the meeting. The tasers for the police dept. will be bought from this year's end of year surplus budget. The dashboard cameras will be a warrant article. The SB is making a decision on accounting software. The town may piggyback off of that and get a better rate. The Zoom Room will be \$70-80K and the cable franchise fee will be used. They will ask the town for the rest of the money.

The town will get the F350 truck. Ms. King said Mr. Dumas suggested that the school ask for an addition in 2024 if it doesn't pass this year as there are less things on the CIP in that year.

Transportation Committee

No update.

Other

Parting Thoughts

Next Meeting: 1/6

Adjourn

Mr. Decker made a motion to adjourn at 7:14pm. Dr. Butkiewicz seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0.