

Nottingham Budget Committee Meeting

9-1-22

Official Minutes as of 10-6-22

1 Call to Order

2 Members Present: Michelle King (Chair), John Decker (Vice Chair), Tom Leveille, Owen
3 Friend-Gray, Sandra Jones, Tom Butkiewicz, Jeffrey Morrison, Bob Kelly, Michael Kelly, John
4 Morin (Select Board rep), Kathy Brosnan (School Board rep)

5 Absent:

6 Others: Lorraine Petrini

7 The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm. Ms. King asked everyone to be respectful.

8 Approve Minutes

9 **Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the public minutes from April 7 as written. Dr.**
10 **Butkiewicz seconded. Unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0.**

11 April 14 minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

12 Review of Upcoming Budget Season

13 Ms. King would like to schedule meetings at 7pm and have them stick to Thursday nights. Ms.
14 Brosnan said teacher negotiations will start next week. It is a non-public meeting. Dr. Butkiewicz
15 said that the public overwhelmingly voted for the warrant article to allow the public to be
16 involved with negotiations and have them be in a public meeting. Ms. Brosnan said that the NEA
17 NH teachers union would not bend to that. Dr. Butkiewicz asked if the teachers union overrules
18 the voters of this town? Mr. Decker said yes. Mr. Morin asked Dr. Butkiewicz to have this
19 discussion at a school board meeting.

20 Draft Calendar for Upcoming Budget Season

21 It was sent to the members and will be finalized at the next meeting.

22 Term Limits

23 Ms. King went over term limits for each of the members. There was a discussion about 1, 2 and 3
24 year commitments. There should be only 3-year terms unless there are people who resign
25 midway through their term.

26 Tax Cap

27 Ms. King read the warrant article that relates the tax cap that was passed at the last election. Dr.
28 Butkiewicz asked Mr. Morin and Ms. Brosnan if the BOS and SB will abide by the tax cap or are
29 they going to override it. Ms. King said they looked at 32 5:b that says they need to strive to stay
30 within the 4% but they may have to go beyond the 4% in certain circumstances. Ms. King said
31 the 4% tax cap would be for the operating budget, not for the warrant articles.

32 **Mr. Decker made a motion that they focus the 4% tax cap focus on the operating budget**
33 **and not the warrant articles.**

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34 Dr. Butkiewicz would like to research this more as he thought it was only for the operating
35 budget but didn't want to commit to something until he knew for sure.

36 Mr. Morin said the BOS are hoping to come in under 4% tax increase.

37 Mr. Decker removed his motion.

38 Mr. M. Kelly said he thought the 4% tax cap was for the school budget as well. Mr. Decker said
39 it was only on the town warrant article and the school is not legally bound by it.

40 Dr. Butkiewicz asked for a report of the school budget money that was left over at the end of last
41 year.

42 **Committee Reports**

43 *School Facilities*

44 Mr. Leveille said the meeting was cancelled and it has not been rescheduled yet.

45 *SAU Transition*

46 Mr. Decker said they have officially transitioned. The new SAU is called SAU 107. There is a
47 full-time superintendent. This committee can be removed now.

48 *Capital Improvement Plan*

49 There is no meeting as of yet.

50 *Transportation Committee*

51 There is a 2-year contract. There may not be a need for this committee.

52 *School Board Rep*

53 Ms. Brosnan said there is a school board meeting next Wednesday. She will find out when there
54 can be reports given to the BC.

55 *Board of Selectman Rep*

56 Ms. King thanked the town for all the 300th festivities. Mr. Morin said most of that money was
57 fundraised. He said he saw so many people wearing Nottingham shirts and hats when he was
58 walking the parade. The BOS is hoping to keep the budget low. The highway dept. has only 2
59 people instead of normal 4. The police dept. has some vacancies. The fire dept. has 3 instead of 4
60 full-time people. They are trying to keep the budget under control while allowing services for the
61 town. Dr. Butkiewicz asked if they were contracting services out. Mr. Morin said they have not
62 decided. Dr. Butkiewicz asked if they are trying to get new trucks. Mr. Morin said the meeting
63 with highway dept. is coming up.

64 **Other**

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65 *Parting Thoughts*

66 Mr. R. Kelly clarified that they would cancel all Tuesday meetings for the BC. Ms. King said the
67 meetings are definitely on Thursday and perhaps Tuesday if need be.

68 Mr. Decker said they could perhaps zoom Mr. Leveille into the meetings when he is away.

69 *Next Meeting: October 6 at 7pm*

70 **Adjourn**

71 **Mr. Morin made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm. Mr. R. Kelly seconded. Unanimously**
72 **approved by a vote of 11-0.**

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