

BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 09, 2018

Present: J. Olsen, J. Scully Welch, L. Santos, M. Smith, D. Traynor and K. Carr

Absent: D. Onofrio and O. NejdI

J. Olsen called the special meeting to order immediately following the budget referendum results at 8:20 PM in the Rose of the Town Hall. Both the Town budget and Board of Education budget failed to pass. The board discussed budget reductions to the both budgets.

J. Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by M. Smith to seat L. Santos for D. Onofrio. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Traynor made a motion, seconded by J. Scully Welch to seat K. Carr for O. NejdI. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Norton reviewed various budget scenarios and reported on increases in insurance on both the Town and Board of Education. The anticipated insurance increase on the town is \$70,000 and Board of Education is \$270,000.

J. Olsen asked for a motion to call a democratic caucus. L. Santos made a motion to caucus. There was no second to the motion so the motion failed to pass.

D. Traynor made a motion, seconded by K. Carr to reduce the Board of Education and Town budget by 1 percent. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 3 in favor (Traynor, Carr and Scully Welch) and 3 opposed (Smith, Santos and Olsen).

K. Carr made a motion, seconded by D. Traynor to reduce the Board of Education and Town budget by 2 percent. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 2 in favor (Traynor and Carr) and 3 opposed (Santos, Scully Welch and Smith).

J. Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by L. Santos to reduce the Board of Education and Town budget by .50 percent. After some discussion J. Olsen asked for a motion to cut off the debate. The motion was made by L. Santos and seconded by M. Smith. The motion to cut off the debate was unanimously approved. The original motion to reduce both budgets by .50 percent was called to a vote. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 3 in favor (Santos, Scully Welch and Carr) and 3 opposed (Olsen, Smith and Traynor).

M. Smith made a motion, seconded by J. Scully Welch to reduce the Board of Education budget by .25 percent. After some discussion J. Olsen asked for a motion to cut off the debate. The motion was made by L. Santos and J. Scully Welch. The motion to cut off the debate was unanimously approved. The original motion to reduce the Board of Education budget by .25 percent was called to a vote. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 1 in favor (Smith) and 4 opposed (Santos, Scully Welch, Traynor and Carr).

D. Traynor made a motion to include the increase in insurance cost of \$270,000 to the Board of Education budget and \$70,000 to the Town budget. There was no second to the motion so the motion failed to pass.

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J. Scully made a motion, seconded by L. Santos to reduce the Board of Education budget by .50 percent or \$179,267. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Scully Welch, Smith, Santos and Carr) and 1 opposed (Traynor).

J. Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by L. Santos to reduce the Town budget by .50 percent for a total of \$76,289. After some discussion J. Olsen asked for a motion to call the question. The motion was made by J. Scully Welch and seconded by L. Santos. The motion to call the question was unanimously approved. The original motion to reduce the Town budget by .50 percent was called to a vote. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Scully Welch, Smith, Santos and Carr) and 1 opposed (Traynor).

J. Scully made a motion, seconded by M. Smith and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Recording Secretary,

Mary Schettino