

MINUTES

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SELECT BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022 (not needed)

WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM
& ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE ON TOWN HALL STREAMS

6:30 p.m.

Select Board present: Jim Justice, Adam Fuller, Martha Johnston-Nash, and Bill Lombardi

Budget Committee present: John Gibbons, Dan Day, Mike Drickey, Wayne Kirkpatrick, John Mountainland, Lawrence Nash, Paul Gaudreau, and Bruce Cobb

Others present: Jay Feyler, Jesse Thompson, Matt Elwell, Tom Fontaine, Chris Robinson, Corey Witham, Kathleen Thornton, and others

1. **Call the meeting to order by Select Board and Budget Committee:** at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Budget Committee Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair:**

John Gibbons said they had an election in January but did not elect a Vice Chair. There are three options in this regard: 1) elect a Vice Chair if someone volunteers; 2) have Dan Day remain as Vice Chair; 3) if the Chair can't be there, say the Chair could not be there.

Motion for Option 2, Vice Chair Dan Day, by: John Mountainland
2nd by: Mike Drickey
8-0

John Gibbons said they are also required to elect a Secretary. He volunteered. Jay said Sherry would be taking the minutes. John said he would be a backup.

3. **Budget Committee Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2021:**

Motion by: Dan Day
2nd by: Bruce Cobb
8-0

Budget Committee Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022:

Motion by: Mike Drickey
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
8-0

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**Budget Committee Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2022 and February 15, 2022
(Joint Meetings with Select Board):**

Motion by: Mike Drickey
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
8-0

4. Town Manager overview of budget:

Jay said the budget is about a 12.3% increase without school and county. He highlighted two key factors: salary increases needed to retain employees; and maintaining our infrastructure, keeping our roads in shape. He added that obviously supplies, parts, etc. are astronomical. He thanked Treasurer Maria Greeley and Town Clerk Stacey Parra.

5. Presentations of Department Heads that are present:

Matt Elwell, Public Works Supervisor

6. Begin reviews and votes on all articles:

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of surveying the town property on Coggins Hill or act thereon.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash
4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to deny by: John Mountainland
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
Motion withdrawn

Motion to accept by: Bruce Cobb
2nd by: John Gibbons
5-3 (Nash, Mountainland, Kirkpatrick)
Motion passes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2022-2023 for debt service or act thereon.

TOTAL **\$320,439**

These funds have already been committed during previous town meetings and this is the payment amount.

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Select Board

Motion to accept by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Bruce Cobb

2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

8-0

- ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$730,073.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for General Government or act thereon.

This includes Insurances, Payroll, Office Personnel, and Building Maintenance.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Martha Johnston-Nash

2nd by: Jim Justice

3-1 (Lombardi)

Motion passes.

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Dan Day

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

- ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from fees, the sum of \$805,335.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Protection or act thereon.

This includes ACO, Fire, Ambulance, and Planning Department.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Jim Justice

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

- ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,300 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Health and Sanitation or act thereon.

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This includes Septic Waste and Tri-County Solid Waste.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Martha Johnston-Nash

2nd by: Jim Justice

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$721,650.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Highway and Bridges and Paving or act thereon.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

3-1 (Lombardi)

Motion passes.

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for General Assistance or act thereon.

These funds do not raise taxes but are funded under a dedicated trust fund.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,800.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Parks and Recreation or act thereon.

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Motion to accept by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Bruce Cobb

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,500.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Social Security or act thereon.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: John Mountainland

2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

8-0

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,600.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Cemeteries or act thereon.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Martha Johnston-Nash

2nd by: Jim Justice

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: John Mountainland

2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

8-0

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$887,605.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Unclassified or act thereon.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

4-0

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Motion to accept by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue and dedicated revenue sources to be used toward the 2022-2023 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 310,000.00
Ambulance Billing and Assessments	\$ 649,892.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 2,500.00
Parks and Recreation Pullen Investment	\$ 2,300.00
Animal Control Fees	\$ 900.00
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 50,400.00
Excise Tax	\$ 471,000.00
Scholarship Trust Funds	\$ 65,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 3,000.00
Other Revenue and Fees	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,604,992.00

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: John Mountainland

8-0

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2022 and May 15, 2023, and that interest at the rate of 4% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due date(s) fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the due date(s) will fall on the next business day, and interest will start the day after.

NOTE: The Select Board recommends due dates of November 15, 2022 and May 15, 2023, and interest due dates of November 16, 2022 and May 16, 2023 and interest at the rate of 4% per annum. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2023.

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Motion to accept by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: John Mountainland

7-1 (Nash)

Motion passes.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506-A, will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment or act thereon (maximum 6% and minimum 2% per annum).

EXPLANATION: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town of Union must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.

Select Board

Motion to accept by: Martha Johnston-Nash

2nd by: Jim Justice

4-0

Budget Committee

Motion to accept by: Bruce Cobb

2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

8-0

7. Other Business:

Bill said also in the warrant articles is a vote on the Thompson Community Center. If one of the proposals that gets voted on would be to sell the building or whatever, and we need to maintain it for a period of time, where would those monies come from? Jay said options include a special town meeting or extending the TMA agreement past June 30. Martha said they expect less costs in the summer. Martha and Adam said there is still money there.

8. Adjourn:

Select Board

Motion by: Bill Lombardi

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

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Motion by: John Mountainland

2nd by: Bruce Cobb

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Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary