

## Budget Committee Meeting/Final Hearing Tuesday January 9, 2018 Minutes:

The meeting commenced at 6:10pm. Committee members present Lori Mead Chair, Mike Provost, deputy Chairmen, Donna Duquette, Rob Duquette, William Hall, Not present, Ed Skroback and Fred Platts.

Select board members present, George Tuttle and Bob Piehler, not present Chet Caron. The Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Jennifer Dosti present.

The Minutes from the Budget Committee meeting on Thursday December 14, 2017 were distributed and read. Mike Provost made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Donna Duquette, all in favor, yeas.

First order of business was to confirm with the Budget Committee members that the final proposed "Budget Committee Certification" with signatures for the NH Department of Revenue Administration will meet after the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday January 16, 2018 starting at 6:00pm. Also be advised, the Selectmen will have completed the final draft for the Town's Warrant Articles. All members in agreement for this upcoming meeting at the Town Hall.

Budget Committee member William Hall did speak out on his disagreement on the 5% pay raises to the Town's Road Agent and the Highway Labor force. Mr. Hall's discussion did include making an adjustment to the employee's contribution of their health Insurance.

Discussion on this year's increase of 5% pay for the Highway department between the Board of Selectmen and Committee members were more conclusive in trying to retain good, qualified employees and to bring them up to an average pay scale with the surrounding towns.

Discussion with Committee Members and Selectmen suggested a meeting be held with the Bristol School Board and Administration regarding School Buss routes to reduce costs.

At 7:30 pm. Donna Duquette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Provost all in favor, yeas.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Provost