

**TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
POST DELIBERATIVE SESSION (Dyke Auditorium)
Saturday, February 4, 2023**

Members Present

Wendy Barker, Chair
Peter Torosian, Vice Chair
Sam Butler
Bob Malo
Mark Sakakeeny
Bill Smith

Others Present

Dave Paquette, Selectmen Liaison

Agenda: Final Review of Warrant Articles after Deliberative, Minutes

Chair Barker called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Chair Barker asked if anyone had any amendments to the meeting minutes of 1/24/2023. None were made.

Chair Barker made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/24/2023 as presented.

Member Butler seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Warrant Articles Reviews & Vote

- Article #2023-04 Operating Budget: No change of prior recommendation
- Article #2023-05 Fire Department Engine (Pumper) Replacement: No change of prior recommendation
- Article #2023-06 Police Vehicle Purchase: No change of prior recommendation
- Article #2023-07 Highway Shim and Overlay: No change of prior recommendation
- Article #2023-08 Network Upgrades for Atkinson Community Television: No change of prior recommendation
- Article #2023-09 Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund: Selectman Chair Bob Warden explained that the Town was will be applying for a State Grant created specifically for Community Center improvements. It had been determined during a previous study that the Town would need approximately \$750,000 to update the current Community Center. His request to increase the Warrant amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000 was approved on Deliberative floor.

The grant document states that "The awards in the program per Community Center are subject to a \$1,000,000 cap, with a match requirement of no more than 15% of eligible project costs." This dictates that the town must reserve at least \$112,500 to meet the Grant application criteria. (15% of \$750,000 is \$112,500). They are choosing to use the Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund for this reserve, which has a current balance of approximately \$14,000.

Selectman Paquette was asked by Chair Barker for additional comment on the grant criteria for the Committee and every member was asked if they had any additional questions. General discussion ensued and a roll call vote to update the Budget Committee recommendation on Warrant Article #2023-09 was called.

Chair Barker made a motion to recommend Article #2023-09

Member Malo seconded the motion

The Budget Committee changed its recommendation. Article #2023-09 is Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 6 to 1 (Vice Chair Torosian opposed)

- Article #2023-10 Emergency Management Communication and Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund: No change of prior recommendation
- Article #2023-16 SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth (By Petition): No change of prior recommendation

Chair Barker made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Member Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

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