

MILFORD BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

January 5, 2021

PRESENT --- Karen Mitchell, Chris Pank(late), Paul Bartolomucci, Vanessa Sheehan, Peg Seward,
George Skuse, Wade Campbell, Claudia Lemaire

ABSENT --- NONE

GUESTS --- Chris Labonte (Selectman), John Shannon (Town Administrator)

BUSINESS --- Meeting called to order by Karen Mitchell, Vice Chairman, at 6:35.

The meeting focused on a discussion by Committee members of all Warrant Articles to address any concerns and questions that need to be sent to Department Heads.

W/A Keyes Field Capital Reserve – Balance of Account is approx. \$59,000 which has been committed to the survey and feasibility study for 127 Elm Street. This would leave –zero- balance. There is concern that BOS voted 1-4 to not fund account.

W/A Communication Center – Concern as no operating costs listed. There needs to more info on what the Board of Governors of MACC Base has discussed on area cooperative.

W/A WWTF Secondary Clarifier – Committee requests further info as to why important and time line. Vanessa will research how much the Commissioners will feel the Sewer Rates will increase.

W/A Rescue Truck Fire Department – What will happen to the old Rescue Truck and is there a sale value?

W/A Town Roads Repair – Question asked of why \$400,000 not added to yearly DPW Budget.

W/A Bucket Loader - Money from rental (\$15,000/year) would be used for purchase instead.

W/A Band Concerts – Last year some of appropriated money was used but then concerts were suspended due to COVID. The remaining was put in fund balance. This year request is for full amount.

W/A Parade Support - \$1100 was spent last year before COVID restrictions. This year request is for full amount.

The W/As for Pumpkin Festival, Fireworks, and Memorial Day and Labor Day Parade Support by Town Departments are not included in this year's budget as they will be "special articles" carried over from last year, and the money can be spent from last year in 2021.. The BAC members asked that DRA review this to make sure it is legal and send correspondence to confirm.

Chris asked that we take a preliminary vote of support vs. non support of the present W/As (page 2). Also members were assigned the Warrant Articles to begin the write-ups of our Majority Reports for the BAC Final Report (page 2).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2021. The Budget and Bond Meeting will be January 11, 2021 (ZOOM). Respectively submitted by Peggy Seward, Asst. Secretary

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<u>PRELIMINARY</u> <u>W/A VOTE</u>	<u>WRITE UP</u> <u>BY</u>	<u>W/A CONTENT</u>
3) 5-0-3	-----	Communication Center
4) 8-0	Vanessa	Secondary Clarifier
5) 8-0	Claudia	Library
6) 8-0	Chris	Rescue Truck
7) 7-0-1	Peggy	Town Budget
8) 8-0	Vanessa	Wastewater Budget
9) 8-0	Vanessa	Water Budget
10) 8-0	Wade	Town Roads
11) 8-0	Claudia	Library CR
12) 8-0	Paul	Snow Plow CR
13) 8-0	Paul	DPW Vehicle/Equip.CR
14) 8-0	Chris	Social Services
15) 8-0	George	IT CR
16) 8-0	Peggy	Blue Bus
17) 8-0	Chris	FD Vehicle CR
18) 6-2	Claudia	Town Facilities CR
19) 8-0	Paul	Keyes Memorial Park CR
20) 8-0	Paul	Bucket Loader
21) 8-0	Peggy	Assessing CR
22) 8-0	Wade	Ambulance Radios
23) 8-0	Peggy	Blind Exemption
24) 8-0	Peggy	Rail Trail

**** This is the Preliminary Budget from the Board of Selectmen amounts, order of W/As, Deletion and additions, etc. is not finalized.***