

Milford Budget Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
January 15, 2020

Present: Karen Mitchell, Chris Pank, Paul Bartolomucci,
Wade Campbell, Bob Courage, George Skuse,
Peg Seward, Jason Cillo and Claudia Lemaire

Absent: None

Guests: Police: Chief Viola, Capt. Frye and Capt. Pelletier
Selectmen: Gary Daniels and Chris Labonte
Ambulance Director – Eric Schelberg
Chris Costantino

Business: Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chris Pank

The meeting went into non-public at 6:30pm and came back out of non-public session at 7:25pm.

The BAC resumed voting on warrants.

Warrant Article 4 – 9-0-0

Eric Schelberg – regarding warrant article 12

Calls:

2017 – 2041

2018 – 2035

2019 – 1951

Transports:

2017 – 1591

2018 – 1499

2019 – 1508

Eric stated that we used the ready spare ambulance 83 times in 2017, 94 times in 2018 and 140 times in 2019 (some due to motor repair on one of other ambulances). He stated that we have never had an ambulance out of service due to staffing. The ambulance rotation plan set up by Eric is looking to trade in one ambulance every five years starting in 2023. This would keep the lease/purchase on the debt service level moving forward.

There was discussion around the library warrant article. Karen made the suggestion of reducing the warrant on the library to included only repairs/renovation and not include the expansion. This would allow the committed trust funds (\$500k) along with the current donations (\$187k) to be applied to the amount for repairs and renovations as well as future donations. It would reduce the warrant to approximately \$1.59 million and would be a much more palatable amount for voters to pass and would get the library the much needed and long overdue repairs.

Chris will be requesting for the petitioners for warrant article 5 to come to next weeks meeting to discuss their article.

The BAC assigned the majority and minority reports to be written up and sent to Karen for the BAC Town report.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Deliberative Session is February 1, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary

