

**DURHAM BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2020**

1. Chairman Milton Simon Calls the meeting to Order.
2. Members present via Zoom: Brian Pike, John Simoneau, Leigh Fisher, Mike Clark, Neil Berry, Jill Gastonguay, Paul First, and Rich Emmons.
3. Reconsideration of budget articles:

Milton Simon explains that the Select Board recently held a Special Meeting to review the upcoming Durham Budget with regard to impacts on the community from the Coronavirus pandemic. The Select Board adjusted their recommendations on 13 Town Meeting Warrant articles and the Budget Committee will vote tonight on whether to agree/disagree with those recommendations.

Select Board Chairman Kevin Nadeau explains the Select Board process on their recommendations to the Budget Committee and offers to answer any questions.

- a) **Paul First Moves to accept the amended Select Board figure of \$390,544 for the Administration budget, with \$106,357 to be transferred and \$284,187 to be raised. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**
- b) **Jill Gastonguay Moves to accept the Select Board recommendation for the Animal Control budget of \$16,528. Neil Berry Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**
- c) **Paul First Moves that the Budget Committee is in agreement with the Select Board recommendation for the Assessing budget and raise \$21,100. John Simoneau Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**
- d) **Leigh Fisher Moves to accept the Select Board's recommendation for the 2019 Ambulance Bond and transfer \$41, 720 from the Fire Capital Account. Mike Clark Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**

- e) Mike Clark Moves to go along with the Select Board's recommendation to change the allocation for the 2018 Road Bond and transfer \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund and raise the balance of \$197,460 for a total of \$247,460. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**
- f) Jill Gastonguay Moves to align with the Select Board's recommendation for the Public Works budget and transfer \$1,006,763 and raise \$31,930. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**
- g) Mike Clark Moves to go with the Select Board's recommendation of raising \$0 for the Raise Pool. Neil Berry Seconds. Motion Carries 8-1 (Emmons Opposed).**
- h) Neil Berry Moves to accept the Select Board's recommendation to transfer \$10,000 from Undesignated Funds for an Emergency Fund. Brian Pike Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**
- i) Neil Berry Moves to go along with the Select Board's recommendation and raise \$0 for: Assessing Capital; Fire Capital Reserve; and Public Works Capital funds. Rich Emmons Seconds. Motion Carries 9-0.**
- j) Brian Pike Moves to agree with the Select Board's recommendation and transfer \$188,600 from the Public Works Capital Fund and raise \$0 for the purchase of a new plow truck. Paul First Seconds. Motion Carries 6-2 (Simoneau left the meeting, Fisher Opposed, Emmons Opposed)**
- k) Neil Berry Moves to accept the Select Board's recommendation to transfer \$20,689 and raise \$235,003 for the Solid Waste account. Mike Clark Seconds. Motion Carries 8-0.**

Leigh Fisher Moves to Adjourn. Jill Gastonguay Seconds. Motion Carries 8-0.