

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: Budget Committee

Date, Time: 10/03/22, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Tilton Town Hall
Downstairs Meeting Room
257 Main Street
Tilton NH

Call to Order

Katherine called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM.

Attendance

Commissioner Eric Pyra, Katherine Dawson, Kevin Waldron, Jane Alden, Jason Wright, Charlie Broughton and Administrative Manager Kathy Tobine

Special District Meeting

SP1 Pressurized Hydrants

Kevin asked who wrote the article. Kathy replied that she had and it was approved by the lawyer, DRA did not review it due to the legal mediation involved. Kevin commented that he feels it is leading because it says hydrants are necessary for fire suppression. Discussion ensued.

Jason made motion to not recommend the warrant article, Kevin seconded the motion. Charlie commented on the amount of the original Warrant Article that failed and that this one was for more. Jason commented that it seems to be going up 4% each year due to a rate study they had done. That increase he believes is across the board for all customers.

Jane asked who negotiated the amount. Kathy replied that it was the Fire & Water Commissioners. Jane asked Commissioner Pyra if this was the best number they could do. Commissioner Pyra replied that they wanted higher than that based on the Water District's new rate tariffs in the neighborhood of 170,000 per year. Discussion ensued regarding the dollar amount and measuring the usage of the hydrants.

Kevin asked why the Fire Commissioners don't just say fine we don't want to buy your water? Commissioner Pyra comment that it was a working number, in the end the fire district came up less than the water district came down. Jason asked what the low number was. Eric replied that he believed it was around \$100,000. Discussion ensued regarding metering hydrants, what hydrants actually cost, and possibility of having own study done.

Jane asked what happens if this goes to trial. Commissioner Pyra replied that it could be a Judge trial and you will be leaving it up to one person, or if it's a jury trial where you will have to hope they understand how the water system and billing works.

Kathy commented that without the hydrants the insurance rates would be affected for people within the hydrant district. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed, 5 yea, 1 nay.

A committee representative was chosen to speak at the meetings.

The committee sign the MS-737 stating that the commissioners approve and the budget committee does not approve.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Jason made a motion to adjourn. Jane seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Joslin

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

October 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM.
Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room,
257 Main Street, Tilton NH