

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Present: Steve Laskowski, Chairman; George Goulet, Gregg Denzler, Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Scott Riddlemoser, Brad Roscoe, Dan Cotter, Burt Riendeau, Judy Idelkope, Gary Winn, Selectboard Representative; Alex Winn and Rob Hodgkins, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative.

Absent: Genienne Hockensmith, School Board Representative

As Chair of the Chesterfield Budget Committee, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Committee is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 (New York) or # 1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago) and meeting id: 944 4174 9833 and password 841284 or by clicking on the following website address:

<https://zoom.us/j/94441749833?pwd=eG1pdE54SWtJODBNejFRU20waW9EZz09>

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b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting;

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the Town of Chesterfield website at: <https://chesterfield.nh.gov/>.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access;

If anyone has a problem, please call 802-579-6199 or email at: amy.lafontaine@nhchesterfield.com.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Dan, Alex, Judy, Scott, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Gary, Rick, Rob, George and Steve voted Yes to call the meeting to order. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary called the working session of the Selectboard to order. Fran Shippee was also in attendance.

House Bill 1159 states that the Selectboard has the authority to amend the Budget as they see fit to present in the zoom format.

Brad as Town Moderator spoke with the Attorney General's Office and the Secretary of State's Office for legal advice. Brad suggested 3 columns be presented to voters: Budget Committee, Selectboard and Combined after Town Meeting discussion. This relies on the Selectboard and Moderator to represent the Budget Committee in the final presentation.

Public Meeting – Steve asked for input on the items that were not recommended by the Selectboard. Judy will discuss the Health Officer Deduction. Burt will submit his items to Steve for the ZBA Consultant. Steve will present the Highway deduction to Cell Phones and Deputy Town Clerk Deductions.

Other – Gary stated that an air exchanger over the PD ceiling flooded at 2 AM that morning. The Selectboard may want to change Capital Maintenance Expenditures there are several items that are now covered by the Insurance Claim other expenses may increase. The Selectboard would like to install an Alarm and Anti-freeze into the System so that this does not happen again.

The First Informational Meeting will be February 27th for the Town at 10 AM and the School at 2 PM.
The Town Deliberative Session will be March 3rd at 7 PM
The School Deliberative Session will be March 4th at 7 PM
The Drive-Thru voting will be March 9th from 10 – 7 PM

The Working Session of the Selectboard adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Minutes – Brad moved to approve January 30th public hearing on the School. The motion was seconded by Judy. Dan, Alex, Judy, Scott, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Rick, Gary, Rob, George and Steve voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Brad moved to approve the Town & Fire Precinct public hearing on January 30th. The motion was seconded by Rick. Dan, Alex, Judy, Scott, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Rick, Rob, George and Steve voted Yes. Gary abstained and the motion passed by majority.

Brad moved to approve February 2nd minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Rick. Dan, Alex, Judy, Scott, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Rick, Rob, George and Steve vote Yes. Gary abstained. The motion passed by majority.

Dan moved to adjourn at 8:36 PM. The motion was seconded by Alex. Dan, Alex, Judy, Scott, Burt, Gregg, Brad, Gary, Rick, Rob, George and Steve voted Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary