

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
BUDGET COMMITTEE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES
January 13, 2020**

Budget Committee Members Present: Ken Evans, Todd Elgin, Bob Maloney, Kevin Barrett and Dayna Titus.

Select Board Members Present: Chair, Jill White, Vice Chair, Woodie Laverack, Peter Francesco and Kelly Schwaner.

Others Present: Town Administrator, Michael Capone, Holderness Central School Board Chair, Carolyn Mello and School Board member Dr. Joe Casey.

Call to Order: Mr. Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Review and approval of the December 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Mr. Maloney made a motion to approve the draft minutes as written with a second from Mr. Barrett. There was no further discussion. Those present voted 9-0 in favor of the motion.

Presentation of the Holderness Central School Budget: Mr. Evans welcomed Holderness Central School Board members Carolyn Mello and Dr. Joe Casey to the meeting.

Ms. Mello and Dr. Casey reviewed draft 4 of the Holderness Central School operating budget with those present. The operating budget as presented totaled \$4,266,172, a decrease of \$19,854 from the previous year's budget. There were increases to some of the wage lines as well as curriculum materials, equipment and furnishings. There was also an increase in the transportation line. Those increases were principally offset by reductions in the capital reserve lines. Both Ms. Mello and Dr. Casey took questions from those present.

Ms. Mello and Dr. Casey also reviewed the proposed warrant articles. There is a place holder warrant article for a new teacher contract that will be included in the warrant should a new contract agreement be reached. The other articles will fund various capital reserve accounts and other capital projects.

Ms. Mello and Dr. Casey also supplied the Committee and the Board members with information on the ten-year capital plan, the five-year IT plan and a two-page document outlining the School Boards priorities.

Mr. Evans thanked both Ms. Mello and Dr. Casey for their presentation. He suggested that, given the pending outcome on the contract negotiations, the Committee consider meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd to hopefully vote on adopting the operating budget for consideration at the public budget hearing on February 5th. They could also vote on the proposed warrant articles.

Review of the Town of Holderness Operating Budget: The Town Administrator reviewed the changes to the Town of Holderness operating budget that were considered at the previous two joint budget meetings. There was also a discussion with regard to whether the Select Board would need to reconsider their vote on the operating budget based on information supplied with regard to funding sought for the

after-school program. It was suggested that the Town Administrator reach out to the Boys and Girls Club again to solicit a written request from them for funding to be included in the Towns operating budget.

Review of Holderness Revenues, Capital Budget and Proposed Warrant to date: The Town Administrator also reviewed the proposed revenues as well as the capital budget and a draft warrant. It was suggested that the Road Reconstruction funding amount be increased. The matter will be taken up at the Select Board meeting on Tuesday, January 21st. Any final changes to the operating budget and/or the capital budget and draft warrant approved by the Select Board will be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration at their meeting on January 22nd.

Other Business: Mr. Evans reminded the Budget Committee members that the next Budget Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 PM here at the Town Office.

Adjournment: With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Capone
Holderness Town Administrator