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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Oct. 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1832 hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Steve Mosier, Jonathan Smith, Donna Gridley, Lynne Parker, Ann Scott, Rick Morgan and Ellen White. Not present were Kathleen Maloney and Marie McConarty.

Previous meeting minutes from Sept. 6 were reviewed and approved.

Joe opened a discussion on the purchase of the town beach. Rick Morgan spoke regarding the B.C. responsibility with the purchase. The bond payment options were discussed and the impact on the tax rate. Rick Morgan believes the bond can be absorbed by the existing budget with no tax rate increase. He also noted the town picked up 7million in additional property valuation.

The discussion continued on the town beach proposal, union contract and the W@S budget.

The duties of the recording clerk were discussed and the consensus was the duties should be removed from the committee and passed to the secretary that handles minutes at other town meetings. This will allow the present committee member who takes the minutes to focus fully on budgetary matters as he was elected to do. Rick Morgan agrees and will discuss this with the other Selectmen and a decision will be made.

Next meeting is Oct. 25, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 1951 hrs.

Jonathan Smith

Recording Clerk