

**OSSIPEE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 19, 2022**

Meeting recorded for Minutes summarized by Laura Nash, Budget Committee Recording Secretary, amendments are noted by ***bold/italic*** type.

Call to Order: Chairman Joe Goss called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance – was recited by all attendees.

Attendance by Roll Call: – Joe Goss, Donna Gridley, Lynne Parker, Roland Millette, Donna Sargent, Cameron Quigley, Connie Billings, Matt Sawyer, Jr, Jonathan Smith (Selectmen's Rep.), Andrea Picard, TJ Eldridge.

Late Arrival: Dallas Emery arrived at 6:50 PM

Absent: WOFB Representative

Meeting Minutes: Review of minutes from November 4, 2021, November 10, 2021 and December 1, 2021

A **Motion** by Gridley to approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2021. Millette seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. Abstained: Connie Billings and Jonathan Smith, since they were not present for that meeting **Motion passed.**

A **Motion** by Billings to approve the meeting minutes of November 10, 2021. Gridley seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. Abstained: Jonathan Smith, since he was not present for that meeting **Motion passed.**

A **Motion** by Billings to approve the meeting minutes of December 1, 2021. Millette seconded. No discussion. All others voted in favor. Abstained: Roland Millette, Cameron Quigley, and Jonathan Smith, since they were not present for that meeting **Motion passed.**

**Selectmen's Report:**

Jonathan Smith reported the Town ended the year with a healthy surplus. The town cleaned up the property at 163A Dorrs Corner Rd. The T. A. Note was not used for the first time in many years due to good fiscal management.

Matt Sawyer, Jr. explained the final treasury rule came out concerning the ARPA Fund and as long as the Town had a net revenue loss of less than \$10,000,000.00, the Town could collect the assumed revenue loss allotted by the Federal Government, which for Ossipee was \$460,000.00 over 2-years. The plan is to allot approximately half the amount to the Whittier Covered Bridge – Final Phase 3 for this year. The balance would go towards paving or other government spending that would normally come out of the general budget, which will give us a surplus at the end of 2022 which will go back into the unassigned fund balance and indirectly help reduce taxes next year.

**2022 YTD - Budget Report:** Matt Sawyer, Jr. explained it's too early in the new year to report. The year ended with a healthy surplus, but the actual figure is yet to be determined because final entries are still be calculated.

**2022 Revenue Report:** Matt Sawyer, Jr. and Andrea Picard explained it's too early in the new year to report.

**2022 Town Budget Proposal by Department:**

- **Selectmen's Office:** in the amount of \$841,478.00

A **Motion** by Parker to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$841,478.00 for the Selectmen's Office. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Government Buildings:** in the amount of \$238,555.00

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$238,555.00 for the Government

Buildings. Parker seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Police Department:** in the amount of \$1,203,600.00

A **Motion** by Billings to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$1,203,600.00 for the Police Department. Goss seconded.

Discussion: Smith reiterated the on-call service is working well. Chief Castaldo has actual numbers of call rate, the officers seem to like it, 3 – part-time officers recently joined and will be attending the academy in July. Chief Castaldo would like to get at least one part-time officer fully trained, so if a full-time position opens up, he has someone to move into the vacancy. Sawyer reported last year PT Resources Officer was budgeted for \$53,500.00, this year is budgeted for \$75,000.00 for increase difference of \$21,500.00.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Highway:** in the amount of \$1,240,050.00

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$238,555.00 for the Highway. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Transfer Station:** in the amount of \$614,131.00

Matt Sawyer, Jr. submitted a revised budget decreasing the overall 2022 proposed budget by \$25,388.38. The revised 2022 proposed budget requested is \$545,456.00.

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$545,456.00 for the Transfer Station. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

**Library:** in the amount of \$228,641.00

A **Motion** by Parker to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$228,641.00 for the Library. Gridley seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Recreation Department:** in the amount of \$174,861.00

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$174,861.00 for the Recreation Department. Gridley seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance:** in the amount of \$254,356.00

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$254,356.00 for the Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance. Millette seconded. Discussion:

Parker inquired as to how the new department is working out. TJ Eldridge reported with only being a few days into the new year it's working better. TJ Eldridge reported he can make purchases in bulk so, there able to keep supplies (i.e., Oil, wipers, and tires, etc...) in stock and purchase at lower rates.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Water Dept.:** in the amount of \$215,680.00

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$215,680.00 for the Water Department. Millette seconded. Discussion:

Smith reported the rates will be re-evaluated at the end of the year because the rates were increased last year, so they will need to see if it is sustaining itself.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

- **Sewer Dept.:** in the amount of \$226,350.00

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$226,350.00 for the Sewer Department. Parker seconded. Discussion:

Billings inquired of where the funding for the new truck is coming from. Smith noted funding is coming from the unassigned fund balance it will be transferred into the capital reserve and will be paid for that way. Billings questioned if the money is to be separated between the water and sewer department, how can the funds come out of the water department to pay for a truck for the sewer department. Smith explained the last truck was bought out of the water department and the monies are supposed to be allocated separately but some of the services shared TJ Eldridge learned that we could take in 680,000 gallons for a hauler in the sewers. Jimmy put together a meeting with NHDES and with a little bit of prodding to them, they actually stated we can take 950,000 with about \$100,000 in revenue.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 7-0-0.**

#### **OUTSIDE AGENCY:**

- **White Mountain Comm Health:** in the amount of \$4,760.00

A **Motion** by Parker to reconsider the 2022 proposed budget of \$4,760.00 for the White Mountain Community Health for discussion. Gridley seconded.

#### **Dallas Emery arrived late at 6:50 PM.**

Discussion: Parker noted their requesting \$4,760.00, they served 140 patients at \$34.00 each for the Town of Ossipee.

Emery questioned whether to allow the request knowing the application was submitted late. Emery's opinion is the committee shouldn't allow it because it may set a acceptance for others to file late. Discussion ensued over the services provided and needs for the residents of Ossipee. Discussion included if this was a one-time late submission or do, they habitually file late. Smith commented that he understands the concerns but they usually file on time, the services are needed for Ossipee residents and Board of Selectmen did approve the request. Emery expressed his concerns again.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote to reconsider by a show of hands. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$4,760.00 for the White Mountain Community Health. Millette seconded.

Discussion ensued over giving them a pass this year but if they file late next year; the application will not be considered.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken by roll call. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

#### **2022 WARRANT ARTICLES:**

- **Article #1 : Make Govt Buildings Repairs/Improvement** - in the amount of \$20,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to Govt Buildings Repairs/Improvement to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Govt Buildings Repairs/Improvement to come from general taxation. Billings seconded. Discussion: Billings needed clarification that Government Building has two separate articles for a total of \$40,000.00.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #2 : Government Buildings ETF** - in the amount of \$20,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to Government Buildings ETF to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Billings to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Government Buildings ETF to come from general taxation. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #3 : Road Paving** - in the amount of \$300,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for Paving to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$300,000.00 for Paving to come from general taxation. Parker seconded.

Billings commented he believes the amount requested is too low. TJ Eldridge explained how much is being allocated to each project. Discussion ensued on the cost of paving material, jobs that were not finished before snow fall and the transfer station has to be paved this year.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #4 : Purchase Dump Truck - Highway Dept** - in the amount of \$125,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) to Purchase Dump Truck for Highway Dept to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$125,000.00 to Purchase Dump Truck for Highway Dept to come from general taxation. Gridley seconded.

Billings inquired as to the type of truck being purchased. TJ Eldridge reported it will be a 5,500 – one ton fully equipped truck.

No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #5 : Add to the Highway Equip CRF** - in the amount of \$35,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to Add to the Highway Equip CRF to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$35,000.00 to Add to the Highway Equip CRF to come from general taxation. Gridley seconded.

Emery inquired about how much is in the fund currently and is it going to be emptied. Billings reported there is \$99,000.00 in fund currently. TJ Eldridge explained by adding to it this year the plan is to purchase a 6-wheeler next year with the balance of funding coming from a warrant article next year.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #6 : Grader Payment** - in the amount of \$57,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000) to Grader Payment to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$57,000.00 to Grader Payment to come from general taxation. Millette seconded.

Parker inquired to the balance remaining. TJ Eldridge noted it's for 6 payments with the first payment made on the day it was received.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #7 : Add to Invasive Species ETF** - in the amount of \$25,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to Add to Invasive Species ETF to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Add to Invasive Species ETF to come from general taxation. Gridley seconded.

Emery inquired about the balance in the fund. Billings reported there is \$58,000.00 in the account. Emery inquired of the cost to do the treatments. Sawyer explained there is a herbicide treatment and there is a diving harvest where divers go down and actually pull the weeds. The diving portion was not done this past year. The cost saved changes each year depending on the treatments provided. Discussion ensued over the amount expended over the past year.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article # 8 : Article # : Add to Bridge Repair Fund** - in the amount of \$20,000.00

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair and/or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund to come from general taxation.

Billings reported there is \$50,000.00 in the account.

A **Motion** by Emery to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Add to the Bridge Repair Fund to come from general taxation. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #9 : Make the Water Bond Payment** - in the amount of \$58,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) to Make the Water Bond Payment to come from general taxation.

The last year of payment is to be in 2023.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$58,000.00 to Make the Water Bond Payment to come from general taxation. Billings seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #10 : Add to Benefit Pay ETF** - in the amount of \$35,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to Add to Benefit Pay ETF to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$35,000.00 to Add to Benefit Pay ETF to come from general taxation. Millette seconded

Smith commented this was increased due to the two who are retiring this year. Discussion ensued over the amount remaining after paying out and the decision was made to leave it as is for this year.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #11 : Tennis Court Improvements at Const. Park** - in the amount of \$25,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the Tennis Court Improvements at Const. Park to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Tennis Court Improvements at Const. Park to come from general taxation. Emery seconded.

Parker inquire why the soccer field is not included. Sawyer and Eldridge explained the enormous cost to repair the soccer field at this time. Sawyer noted there is a long-term plan starting with a well for water supply. Discussion ensued on the maintenance and care of the fields.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #12 : For Town Fireworks** - in the amount of \$5,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for Town Fireworks to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Town Fireworks to come from general taxation. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #13 : Add to Solid Waste Disposal and Rec. ET** - in the amount of \$20,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to Add to Solid Waste Disposal and Rec. ET to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Add to Solid Waste Disposal and Rec. ET to come from general taxation. Emery seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #14 : Add to Revaluation CRF** - in the amount of \$15,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to Add to Revaluation CRF to come from general taxation.

Sawyer explained per the assessor's report, the preliminary numbers are 75 – 80% equalization ratio. Smith noted the re-evaluation year maybe in 2023 but definitely by 2024. The last evaluation was in 2019.

A **Motion** by Emery to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Add to Revaluation CRF to come from general taxation. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #15 : Police Cruiser** - in the amount of \$45,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for a Police Cruiser to come from general taxation.

A **Motion** by Smith to recommend the Warrant Article in the amount of \$45,000.00 for a Police Cruiser to come from general taxation. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

### Petition Warrant Article

Sawyer informed the committee there has been one petition warrant article submitted so far.

***“We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ossipee request you to insert in the warrant for the 2022 Town Meeting, the following article: - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of funding the Schools Out Program!”***

Goss inquired if the Town Clerk has certified it by validating the signatures. Goss noted before the Budget Committee can vote on any petition warrant article the Town Clerk needs to verify that all signatures are valid Ossipee registered voters, and the Town Clerk needs to submit a certified letter to the committee.

Billings stated this would be a Protest Petition, but Smith informed him that Protest Test Petitions is only for protesting a zoning change.

Sawyer inquired if the committee was going to vote on the proposed Revenues. Goss noted they usually vote on them after the petition date has expired.

### Precincts

- **Ossipee Corner Light & Power**

Parker explained how the funding for the Purchase of New Fire Apparatus would take place. The total for Article #07 is to raise and appropriate \$703,000.00 with \$120,000.00 coming from taxation. Article #08 – Fire Apparatus Trust Fund was previously funded \$95,000.00 and decreased Article #09 Building Trust Fund from \$30,000.00 down to \$5,000.00. The \$25,000 cut from the building fund will be added into the apparatus trust

fund of \$95,000.00 for a total of \$120,000.00 to come from taxation and \$40,000.00 is coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance and \$543,000.00 is coming from the trust funds to purchase a truck. If Article #07 does not pass, then Article #08 will add the \$95,000.00 into the Fire Apparatus Trust Fund. This was configured as to have an increase in taxes.

- **Article #06: Operating Budget** - To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Forty dollars. (\$381,040)

A **Motion** by Billings to recommend the 2022 proposed operating budget of \$381,040.00 for Ossipee Corner Light & Power. Gridley seconded. No discussion. All others voted in in favor. **Motion Passed 7-0-1** (Parker abstained)

#### **Revisit Petition Warrant Article:**

Smith updated the committee that he has verified with Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk that she has verified the signers of the warrant article for the School's Out Program and Matt Sawyer, Jr. has the copy of the petition warrant article. Sawyer inquired if the committee would vote on it tonight if he can get a copy of the petition for the committee to see.

Goss preferred to address the petition warrant articles on February 2, as planned, since the deadline for submission is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

A **Motion** by Goss to vote on all Petition Warrant Articles on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 after the deadline has expired.

Gridley suggested coming back to this discussion because she has questions.

#### **Precincts Cont.**

Goss moved on to Article #07 for Ossipee Corner Light & Power.

- **Article #07: Purchase New Fire Apparatus** - To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Three Thousand dollars (\$703,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing New Fire Apparatus.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the 2022 proposed Ossipee Corner Light & Power of \$703,000.00 for Purchase of New Fire Apparatus. Billings seconded. No discussion. All others voted in in favor. **Motion Passed 7-0-1** (Parker abstained)

- **Article #08: Fire Apparatus Fund** - If Article 07 fails to pass then, to see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand dollars (\$95,000) to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve fund previously established.

A **Motion** by Emery to recommend the 2022 proposed Ossipee Corner Light & Power of \$95,000.00 for Purchase of New Fire Apparatus. Billings seconded. No discussion. All others voted in in favor. **Motion Passed 7-0-1** (Parker abstained)

- **Article #09: Building Capital Reserve Fund** - To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the 2022 proposed Ossipee Corner Light & Power of \$5,000.00 for Building Capital Reserve Fund. Billings seconded.

Smith inquired to amount in the building fund currently. Parker stated there is \$338,000.00.

No further discussion. All others voted in in favor. **Motion Passed 7-0-1** (Parker abstained)

### Center Ossipee Fire Precinct:

- Total 2022 Operating Budget - To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred, forty-four thousand, seven hundred and fifteen dollars (\$644,715.00) for the General Operating Budget for the precinct.

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the 2022 proposed budget for Center Ossipee Fire Precinct in the amount of \$644,715.00 for the General Operating Budget for the precinct. Parker seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #03:** 2022 Second Year Truck Payment - To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) for the Second Year Fire Truck Payment previously established.

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the 2021 proposed budget for Center Ossipee Fire Precinct in the amount of \$87,000.00 for the 2022 Second Year Truck Payment previously established. Parker seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #04:** 2022 Replace Water line - To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) for the Replacement of Water Lines.

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the 2022 proposed budget for Center Ossipee Fire Precinct in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the 2022 Replace Water lines. Parker seconded.

Discussion ensued which water lines are being replaced and they should have applied to the American Recuse Plan for a grant to assist with payment towards this repair.

Quigley commented they received a grant towards the new radios, but Gridley informed they would qualify for the American Rescue Plan grant because it's for something different.

No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #05:** 2022 Radio 5% Grant Match - To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand, five hundred and seventy-three dollars (\$9,573.00) for the 2022 Radio 5% Grant Match

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the 2022 proposed budget for Center Ossipee Fire Precinct in the amount of \$9,573.00 for the 2022 Radio 5% Grant Match. Parker seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

Goss noted for a Total 2022 General Operating Budget with Warrant Articles in the amount of \$727,471.00.

### West Ossipee Fire Precinct:

- Total 2022 Operating Budget - To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of four hundred, forty thousand, six hundred, and seventy-five dollars (\$440,675.00) for the General Operating Budget for the precinct.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the 2022 proposed budget for West Ossipee Fire Precinct in the amount of \$440,675.00 for the General Operating Budget for the precinct. Parker seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

- **Article #3:** To see if the precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) for the Fire Department Firefighting and Rescue Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining vehicles and other firefighting and rescue equipment.

A **Motion** by Millette to recommend the 2022 proposed budget of \$20,000.00 for the Fire Department Firefighting and Rescue Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. Emery seconded. No discussion.

A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0.**

**Revisit Petition Warrant Article:**

Gridley questioned the urgency for looking at a Petition Warrant Article for the School's Out Program when there is already a date set for addressing any petition warrant articles. But if there are not any other petition warrant articles being submitted and if this one is reviewed today then there's no need to meet on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. But since the deadline to submit is February 1<sup>st</sup>, Gridley recommends waiting until February 2<sup>nd</sup> to address any petition warrant articles. Discussion ensued.

Goss preferred to vote on petition warrant articles on February 2, as planned.

Smith noted the only Protest Petition Warrant Article that can be filed is under RSA 675:5 Zoning Ordinance Protest Petition. It's the only RSA addressing a Protest Petition. Smith explained a Protest Petition "RSA 675:5 I-a. A favorable vote of 2/3 of all the members of the legislative body present and voting shall be required to act upon any amendment or repeal in the case of a protest against such zoning change signed by either."

**Next Meeting:**

- BC Meeting: **February 1, 2022 – 6:30 PM at the Freight House – Warrant Articles due**
- BC Meeting: **February 2, 2022 – 6:30 PM at the Freight House – Review Warrant Articles**
- BC Meeting: **February 10, 2022 – 6:30 PM at the Town Hall Bud Avery Gymnasium**
- Public Hearing: **February 10, 2022 – 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Bud Avery Gymnasium - Public Hearing on Petition Articles**
- Town Election: **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 –at the Town Hall Bud Avery Gymnasium**
- Annual Town Meeting: **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 –at the Town Hall Bud Avery Gymnasium**

**Any Other Business that May Come Before the Committee:** None Heard.

**Adjournment:**

A **Motion** by Gridley to adjourn the meeting. Emery seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on

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Date

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Joe Goss, Chairman  
Budget Committee

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Donna Gridley, Vice-Chair  
(In the absence of the Chairman)