

18th January 2024

Budget Advisory Committee Present: Phil Motta (chairman), Daniel Whitney, Tina Sbrega, Roberta Oeser, James Burger, Casey Burrage, Mary Beth Quill (Ex Officio BOS)

Member of the Public present: Karl Pruter (BOS), Lori Rautiola (Town Administrator)

January 18th Budget Advisory Committee Meeting called to order at 1907.

The main topic of this meeting was to vote on the warrant articles that will be presented on the 2024 Rindge Town Warrant.

General Discussion concerning the following topics. What the tax impact and/or tax rate would be if all the warrant articles pass as presented. What the general uses of the Capital Funds are and if they could be offset by alternative revenue sources. Question of if Mary Beth Quill votes in the BAC as Ex Officio of the BOS was discussed. It was decided that her vote would be recorded as a member of the BAC during this session.

Article #10 R.O. makes motion to recommend Article #10 as presented. Seconded by D.W. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

Article #11 D.W. makes motion to recommend Article #11 as presented. Seconded by J.B. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

Article #12 R.O. makes motion to recommend Article #12 as presented. Seconded by J.B. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

Article #13 D.W. makes motion to recommend Article #13 as presented. Seconded by J.B. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

Article #14 D.W. makes motion to recommend Article #14 as presented. Seconded by T.S. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

Article #15 D.W. makes motion to recommend Article #15 as presented. Seconded by R.O. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

General discussion concerning articles #16 & #18 by the group before moving on.

Article #16 D.W. makes motion to recommend Article #16 as presented. Seconded by R.O. There was further discussion concerning this article before voting. Generally what these capital funds would be used for and if this amount could be lowered to reduce the overall dollar value of the warrant articles. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

Article #17 D.W. makes motion to recommend Article #17 as presented. Seconded by J.B. There was further discussion concerning this article before voting. Generally what the capital funds would be used for, the current need and the current Capital Funds on hand. BAC votes 6-1 in favor to recommend. D.W., C.B., P.M., R.O., J.B., M.Q. voting in favor of recommendation, T.S. voting against recommendation.

Article #18 D.W. makes motion to recommend Article #18 as presented. Seconded by R.O. There was further discussion concerning this article before voting. Generally what the capital funds would be used for, the current need and the current Capital Funds on hand. BAC votes 6-1 in favor to recommend. D.W., C.B., P.M., R.O., J.B., M.Q. voting in favor of recommendation, T.S. voting against recommendation.

Article #19 R.O. makes motion to recommend Article #19 as presented. Seconded by C.B. BAC votes 7-0 all in favor to recommend.

General discussion, if any articles were to change between now and deliberative session on February 3rd 2024, or at deliberative session the BAC may hold another meeting to re-vote on the amended warrant articles.

Meeting adjourned at 1830.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Burrage