



Town of Durham, Maine

Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2022

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

Milton Simon called the special meeting (prompted by a Special Town Meeting scheduled for August 16th) to order at 6:35 pm.

Members Present: Milton Simon, Jane Rice, Heather Roy, Jill Gastonguay, Neil Berry, Allan Purinton, and John Talbot.

Selectmen Present: Joe Tomm and Josh Klein-Golden

Also Present: Mitch Berkowitz (Interim Town Manager), Rob Tripp (Fire Chief), Calvin Beaumier (Road Commissioner), and Devin Garneau (IT Support).

2. Elect of Chair and Vice Chair

Allan Purinton moves to nominate Milton Simon as Chair, Jill Gastonguay seconds. Milton accepts the nomination to continue as Chair. Motion carries 6 in favor, 1 abstain.

Neil Berry moves to nominate Jill Gastonguay as Vice-Chair, Milt seconds. Jill accepts the nomination as Vice-Chair. Motion carries 6 in favor, 1 abstain.

3. Discussion/Voting regarding 8/16 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$23,230 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: HVAC work at the Fire Station.

Chief Rob Tripp mentioned that the project at the Fire Department would be cooling only with ducts. The Department recently upgraded one of the two heating systems.

Neil Berry moves to approve the appropriation of \$23,230 from ARPA funds, John Talbot seconds. Motion carries 7-0.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$34,500 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: HVAC work at the Town Office.

Allan Purinton moves to approve the appropriation of \$34,500 from ARPA funds, Neil Berry seconds. Motion carries 7-0.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$45,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Communication and Information Technology Upgrades for the Town Office, Public Works and the Fire Station.

Discussion on the critical needs: Firewall, Phone system and internet bandwidth need updating at the Town Offices. It was also noted that the Franchise Agreement with Comcast is up for renewal this year.

Neil Berry moves to approve the appropriation of \$45,000 from ARPA funds, John Talbot seconds. Motion carries 7-0.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$16,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: GIS Tax Mapping Work.

Heather Roy moves to approve the appropriation of \$16,000 from ARPA funds, John Talbot seconds. Motion carries 7-0.

4. Adjourn:

Jill Gastonguay motions to adjourn, John Talbot seconds. Motion Carries 7-0.
The Budget Committee Meeting concluded at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Garneau
Meetings Secretary