

APPROVED

Budget Committee Meeting

March 6, 2018

Members Present: T Smith, G Rumph, M Traister, B Stewart, and R Spaulding.
Also present: D Frampton, C McAllister.

A quorum of the Budget Committee members being present, the Chairman commenced meeting at 5:00 pm. The quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Minutes of February 20th meetings were approved as submitted.

Mr Stewart distributed revised pages to the town budget. Water and Sewer rates were clarified on the revisions, the correct amount of the Library Appropriation was stated, and town donations are increased by \$1,000 to fund a scholarship for a New Castle student.

A brief discussion took place regarding the scholarship fund.

The (presently unnumbered) Warrant Articles (WA) were presented. The water improvement WA is \$6.988mm along with a WA for the Selectmen to work on private areas.

All proposed WA are attached to minutes. A significant discussion took place regarding the change and purpose of the Street and Roads Capital Reserve Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom F Smith, Chairman

Entire Project 71 53/154

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Six Million Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,988,000.00)** (gross budget) for the planning, design, and construction of water system improvements presently located in the Town of New Castle, portions of which are owned by the Town of New Castle and portions of which are owned by the City of Portsmouth, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen decides is in the best interest of the Town, and further to authorize the issuance of not more than **Six Million Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,988,000.00)** of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1, et. seq.) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action the Board deems appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds.

Two-Thirds (2/3) ballot vote required to pass. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any and all easements, rights, titles, and interests necessary to allow the Town of New Castle or the City of Portsmouth to make capital improvements to the existing water infrastructure located on private property within the Town and to acquire such easements, rights, titles, and interests to repair, operate, and maintain any water infrastructure owned by the Town or the City installed on said private property, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of any and all agreements and deeds necessary to acquire such rights with the costs associated with those capital improvements, maintenance, and operation to be assessed against such properties pursuant to a betterment plan to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority Vote required to pass.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of \$_____ for the general operation of the Town.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town of New Castle will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be used to pay Town donations to local non-profit agencies that serve the New Castle community as follows:

1.	Area Home Care & Family Services	\$ 750
2.	CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 500
3.	Center for Wildlife	\$ 300
4.	Child Advocacy Center	\$ 500
5.	Child & Family Services	\$ 500
6.	Community Toolbox	\$ 450
7.	Families First	\$ 750
8.	Haven	\$ 750
9.	McFarland Children's Center	\$ 500
10.	Meals on Wheels	\$1,000
11.	Red Cross	\$ 300
12.	RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)	\$ 750
13.	Seacoast Food Panty	\$ 750
14.	Seacoast Mental Health Center	\$1,000
15.	Seacoast Visiting Nurses Association	\$ 700
16.	Womanaid of Greater Portsmouth	\$ 400
17.	Cross Roads	\$ 250
18.	Salvation Army	\$ 400
19.	Southern NH Services	\$ 250
20.	One Sky	\$ 200
21.	New Castle Scholarship	\$1,000
TOTAL		\$12,000

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to go into the fund. This sum to come from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund.

ARTICLE: To see if the town will vote to establish a Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for maintenance and upkeep of town buildings and to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to put in the fund, further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund.

ARTICLE: To see if the town will vote to change the purpose and rename the existing Street and Roads Capital Reserve Fund to the Municipal Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to allow the town to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, electric vehicle charging station, and public transportation.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Oceanside Cemetery Trust Fund, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, to hold principal and interest from the sale of lots with the right to inter at Oceanside Cemetery, for expenditure on cemetery maintenance and capital expenses.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to transfer existing funds consisting of the principal and interest from the sale of lots with the right to inter at Oceanside Cemetery into the Oceanside Expendable Trust fund.

ARTICLE: To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE: To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this the day of, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and

A true copy of warrant – attest

William Stewart, Chair

Thomas Maher

Damon H. Frampton
New Castle Select Board