

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN  
Budget Committee  
16 School Street  
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275  
January 9, 2014

**Call to Order.**

The Allenstown Budget Committee Meeting for January 9, 2014 was called to order by the Chair at 6:00pm.

**Roll Call.**

Present on the Board: Dave Coolidge, Jeff Gryval, Dave Eaton, Larry Anderson, Carol Merrill, Jerry McKenney, Mike Frascinella, Deb Carney, and Carl Caporale.

Excused: Andrea Martel, Penny Touchette, Roger LaFleur and Chris Lavalley.

Unexcused: None

**Others Present.**

Residents of Allenstown: June Therl, Brigitte Blais, Joanne Stottlar, Marilyn Brison, Kathleen Boehm, Michelle Kelly, Gay Zibel, Peter Letvinchuk, Denise Schmidt, and Leslie Thomas.

Others Present: Deborah Bulkley, Interim Principal and Cherie Bammarito, CFS

Other Public Officials: N/A

Allenstown Staff: Paul Paquette, APD; Dana Pendergast, AFD; and Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator.

**Petition Warrant Articles**

The Chair read the Petition Warrant Article to the Board which stated;  
“The undersigned, registered voters, Allenstown, NH support funding from the town in 2014-2015 in the amount of \$3,500 to support a share of the services provided to residents to access counseling and family support services, without regard to income from Child and Family Services. Child and Family Services provides accessible and affordable programs to children, youth and their families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance and better citizenship. From July 1, 2013-June 30, 2013, 98 Allenstown residents received over

\$94,000 of free or reduced services from Child and Family Services, including mental health counseling, adoption planning, child abuse prevention and treatment, foster care, residential summer camping and elder care/independent living.”

Mrs. Bammarito introduced herself to the Budget Committee members. She explained that she works for Child and Family Services and that she was asked to come before them regarding the Warrant Article. She distributed a memo that gave more detail of the warrant article and the dollar amount that they are requesting. She further explained some of the services that are offered to those in need. She stated that they are asking for \$3,500 from the town of Allentown to help cover the costs of these services to residents in the area.

Mr. Coolidge asked where the money comes from and if it comes from donations. Mrs. Bammarito stated that sometimes they receive donations, other times health insurances help cover the costs and also they have residents who get services for free. Mr. Frascinella asked if they were a private organization. Mrs. Bammarito stated that they are a statewide private organization that has been in operation since 1880.

The Chair stated that there are some issues with the way the warrant article is written. Mr. Mulholland stated that there are two issues with the way it is written at this time. He stated that one of the issues is that the article has an alternate calendar year and that the town is a 2014-2015 calendar year. He also stated that the article states that the town will support funding whereas it should say that they will raise and appropriate the funds as was intended. He stated that these corrections need to be made to make it legal and then it can be voted on at the Deliberative Session.

Mr. Frascinella asked about the flow of the article as it is a petition warrant article. Mr. Gryval stated that it became a petition warrant article when this group petitioned enough signatures and then brought it before the Select Board on Monday. Mr. Mulholland clarified that this was not part of the budget process. Mr. Gryval stated that the Select Board voted not to recommend the warrant article. He further explained that they have discussed working with CFS in the future to get this into the budget should they come before the Board again. There was further discussion of the petition warrant article as written.

Motion. Mr. Anderson made a motion that they recommend the CFS Petition Warrant Article. Mr. McKenney seconded the Motion.

There was discussion of what would happen if they voted no and that it will go on the ballot either way.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Coolidge-Yes; Mr. Gryval- No; Mr. Eaton – No; Mr. Anderson- Yes; Mrs. Merrill- No; Mr. McKenney – No; Mr. Caporale- No; Mr. Frascinella – No; and Mrs. Carney - Yes. The Chair declared the Motion failed. The petition warrant article is not recommended by the committee.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

Motion. Mr. Anderson made a motion to accept the December 19, 2013 minutes as amended. Mr. Caporale seconded the Motion.

Mrs. Carney stated that there was a mistake on who was present at the meeting.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Coolidge-Yes; Mr. Gryval- Yes; Mr. Eaton – Abstained; Mr. Anderson- Abstained; Mrs. Merrill- Abstained; Mr. McKenney – Abstained; Mr. Caporale- Abstained; Mr. Frascinella – Yes; and Mrs. Carney - Yes. The Chair declared the Motion passed.

### **Elections**

The Chair stated that those members want to sign up for re-election as their terms are up, they need to do it between January 22, 2014 through January 31, 2014. Mr. Mulholland stated that they will be open on Friday between 3pm and 5pm on January 31, 2014.

### **Discussion of upcoming meeting**

The Chair stated that they scheduled a meeting for January 14, 2014 at 6pm in the case that there is another Petition Warrant Article that involves money. He stated that they will not have a meeting if there are no more additional articles with money involved.

Mrs. Carney informed them that she won't be able to attend the meeting.

The Chair stated that they have the Public Hearing on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 9am. He stated that they will be presenting the Town Budget, School Budget, and Warrant Articles with monetary value.

### **Other Business**

Mrs. Merrill asked Mr. Gryval about the money that they have left over and how they plan on spending it. Mr. Gryval explained that they were able to use the money left over from 2013 to pay off the Police Station Bond now which allows them to free up money for the Police Chief to hire the police officer that they don't have the funds for in 2014.

Mrs. Merrill asked about the windows and other items at the town hall that has been purchased. Mr. Gryval stated that they did not use year-end spending on those projects but that they were

projects that they held off on during the year until this point. He stated that they are replacing the windows in the town hall. Mrs. Merrill stated that it is a lot of money to do the windows all at once and that they should have done it a little at a time. Mr. Mulholland explained that replacing the windows will reduce the cost of heating the building and thus save the taxpayers some money. There was further discussion of year-end spending items and the necessity of replacing the windows.

Motion. Mr. Caporale made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Merrill seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Coolidge-Yes; Mr. Gryval- Yes; Mr. Eaton – Yes; Mr. Anderson- Yes; Mrs. Merrill- Yes; Mr. McKenney – Yes; Mr. Caporale- Yes; Mr. Frascinella – Yes; and Mrs. Carney - Yes. The Chair declared the Motion passed.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.