

# **Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting**

Meeting Called By: Budget Committee

Date, Time: 12/21/22, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Northfield Town Hall  
21 Summer Street  
Northfield, NH

## **Call to Order**

Jason called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

## **Attendance**

Commissioner Eric Pyra, Charles Broughton, Jane Alden, Jason Wright, Kevin Waldron, Chief Michael Sitar, and Administrative Assistant Kathy Tobine

## **2023 Warrant Articles**

### Article 04 Add to Land & Building Fund

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 4, Add to the Land & Building Fund. Jane seconded the motion. Kevin asked why the money was coming from taxation and not the fund balance. Commissioner Pyra replied that the fund cannot support it. Discussion ensued regarding the money that needs to be set aside for the Water District. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion failed.

### Article 5 Fire Prevention ETF

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 5, Fire Prevention ETF. Charlie seconded the motion. Kevin asked how they can recommend something without knowing the final number. Discussion ensued regarding when the final numbers will be available and when the articles need to be to DRA for approval. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

### Article 6 Fire Prevention Budget

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 6, Fire Prevention Budget. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

### Article 7 Health Insurance Deductible ETF

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 7, Health Insurance Deductible ETF. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

### Article 8 Add to Dry Hydrant/Cistern ETF

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 8, Add to Dry Hydrant/Cistern ETF. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

### Article 9 Establish Contingency Fund

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 9, Establish Contingency Fund. Charlie seconded the motion. Chief Sitar explained that it is a percentage of the previous year's budget and there needs to be a vote of approval from the Commissioners in order to use it. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

### Article 10 Amendment to Apparatus & Equipment Replacement Fund

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 10, Amendment to Apparatus & Equipment Replacement Fund. Charlie seconded the motion. Kevin asked Commissioner Pyra why it is a good idea. Commissioner Pyra spoke to the higher revenues and being able to lower the tax burden. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit to payroll after the grant has ended.

Kevin asked why they didn't include fuel in the amendment. Chief Sitar replied that it would be more than the additional income they are making. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

#### Article 11 Apparatus & Equipment Replacement Fund Budget

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 11, Apparatus & Equipment Replacement Fund. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

#### Article 12 Operating Budget

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to recommend Article 12, Operating Budget. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

#### Article 13 Pressurized Hydrants

Kathy commented that they don't need to vote on this as it is there as a place holder because they don't know what may happen. Discussion ensued regarding Pressurized Hydrants and the legal happenings with the Water District.

### **New Business**

#### Meeting Dates

The dates for the public hearing and district meeting were discussed.

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### November 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes of November 30<sup>th</sup> as written. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to adjourn. Jane seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Joslin*

Beth Joslin  
Office Clerk

Public Hearing:

February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

District Meeting:

March 20, 2023