

Town of Arundel
Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen and Budget Board
Minutes
April 12th, 2016
Mildred L. Day School Library
600 Limerick Road

Members in Attendance

Board of Selectmen: Dan Dubois, Tom Danylik, Jason Nedeau

Budget Board: Shawn Hayes, Jack Reetz, Michelle Moore, John Bell, Paul Raymond

Other Attendees: Keith Trefethen, Town Manager

I. Call to Order: Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Reetz requested that one item be added to the agenda so that he could present to the Boards a letter he had written to local newspapers which was budget related. The Chair agreed to add this as Item V of the agenda. Mr. Dubois moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Nedeau seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes of 29 March 2016: Mr. Dubois moved to approve the minutes of 29th March 2016. Ms. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion on Municipal Operating Budget as prepared, presented and approved for development of Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The town manager briefly reviewed the proposed budget which included slightly revised figures for County Tax and RSU expenditures. In response to a question from Mr. Reetz, Mr. Trefethen noted that the Town's valuation had increased by approximately \$4 million from the previous year.

The Town Manager stated that the Town's fund balance was currently about \$2.4 million and that the mil rate for the upcoming year would depend upon how much, if any, of the fund balance the Boards decided to use to offset property taxes. In response to a question from Mr. Danylik, Mr. Bell said that he estimated that the mil rate could be held at the current rate if the Boards would approve the use of \$300,000 from the fund balance. He noted however that he had not had chance to factor in some of the updated figures which the Town Manager had just presented, and also pointed out that his estimate was somewhat more optimistic than Mr. Trefethen's.

After some discussion of the effect of new school construction and possible new Town Hall construction on the budget in future years, Mr. Bell moved to apply \$300,000 of the fund balance to offset an increase in the mil rate. There was no second to this motion. Mr. Bell then moved to apply \$200,000. Mr. Dubois seconded. Mr. Trefethen estimated that using \$200,000 of the undesignated fund would result in an increase of \$0.49 in the mil rate. Mr. Bell estimated an increase of \$0.24, but again noted that this did not include revisions presented this evening by Mr. Trefethen. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Presentation of a letter written by Mr. Reetz to local newspapers: : Mr. Reetz notified the Boards that he had submitted a letter to local newspapers in which he had estimated expenses which would be incurred by Arundel if the proposed withdrawal from RSU21 actually took place. He referenced his seven years of experience on the School Board Budget Committee and felt that his estimates were accurate to within 10% plus or minus. The Town Manager notified Mr. Reetz that the Board of Selectmen had agreed to hold public hearings on this subject, the first of which would be held on April 25th. Mr. Reetz briefly reviewed his estimates and a short discussion followed.

VI. Other Business and Adjournment: There being no other business, Mr. Bell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Moore, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Board of April 12th, 2016.

John Bell
Secretary, Budget Board