

Carl Brunetti, BobTurner, Nicholas Rodrigues, Mike Babbitt, Mike O'Connell, Rhonda Lacombe, CraigJoly, Ram Maddipudi, **Bruce Whitehead**, AndrewEsposito, Imran Siddiqui

Also in attendance: LarryFillippelli, Kevin McNamara, Armand Milazzo, Allyn Grantham, Steve Carvahlo, Mary Ann Rolls, John McNamee, Phil Gould, Fred Hoppe, Kristine Donabedian, Joseph Goho

*if marked **red** this denotes absent

Motion on the March16, 2022 Minutes by Mike Babbitt and second by Bob Turner unanimous

Motion on the March17, 2022 Minutes by Mike Babbitt and second by Bob Turner unanimous

Correspondence:

Town Administrator for the itienery ofthe Town Tour

Business Manager of the SchoolDepartment and the Finance Director the Budget Board wanted the status of theMunicipal Surplus and the School Department Surplus

John McNamee wanted the Schooldepartment to give a presentation as an addition to the agenda

Sewer Department no Response as of yet

Town Administrator and Finance DirectorQ and A for the 3-16-22 meeting along with additional information

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Presentation by DrFillippelli, 2018 to 2022 School Committee School Admin actions for budgetarysavings

Binging kids back toLincoln in the special needs

Health care a savingsof 1.2 million over 2 years,

We have reducedapprox. 34 students going to the Charter schools

We have hired thelowest step teachers,

We ae still lookingfor additional special education students to add to the program

Increase of 76students, stagnant state aid decrease in state aid of funding

High quality of curriculumthis has driven up the cost of the new curriculum

Per NESDEC estimateincrease for fy23 32 more students

The need only 1teacher for science and that is for the High school

June of 2022 therewill be 8 students in out of district placement

Allyn, the childrenthat have suffered the most is the Special Needs since we were shut down theylacked the therapy, speech therapy, and intervention of what they need to learnand have a different language.

Socialskills, and highly individualized program for them and applied behavior focuson the specializing for each child to assist in there learning, teaching themhow to work and these children are educated until the age of 22. They ae included in all of the activities,this allows them to become active adults in the work place and in life,

John McNamee, Capitalrelated items that they would like in the budget. 174, two computer leases one coming off in2024 that should be the last year for the second lease

Chrome books 233,400. Is being covered in the grant

High Schoolprojectors 2 and all the electrical work

Athletic directorneeds additional equipment in the high school

Middle school camerasas old as the building, quote of 66,000

Northern classroomupgrade similar to Saylesville 90K

Armand did needmaintenance truck with a plow, 50K may be able to get a free one from the Townof Lincoln snow blower for the middle school so if we could add that and amower 22K

Revenues local appropriationto fund amount of increase to budget

State aid should notbe lowered 50MM was added to keep all areas, we should be where were in FY21 ifyou have increase in enrollment you should get more money so we shall see, willknow in June.

State Aid slide vstown appropriation 5.8MM over 6 years in State Aid

Bob Turner explainwhy and how we got the extra money on the State aid we were over paid becausefor many years we were under funded by the state (this happened to many of thecommunities.

Explanation of how wedo the Capital is removed from the funding since

Larry, QQ items werепulled last year is this a Tony question how can the Budget Board change thebudget after the School Committee approved the budget.

How does the Budget Boardchange the voted on budget by the School committee?

Mike Babbitt, we lookat all of the budget needs. When wereceive the budget basically if there is back up we will move forward. We ask for bids, invoices etc. to see if thisis a feasible item. This is presented toall of the Town Constituents that attend the FTM and that is who decides thebudget. Bob Turner reminded the SchoolDepartment and the 12-15 parents that were in attendance that just like theMunicipal Budget we look at the items line by line and make a list ofquestions. When we receive our answerthen we must send back the recommendations and have the Town Administrator infor a Q & A for satisfaction. If wehave additional questions we have them back until we are satisfied and this maytake a couple of times. There are timeswe ask for the Town Administrator to consider more than they are asking for itis a give and take. We then send

the budget back to the Town Administrator and Finance Director and from there we come to a consensus to send to the FTM. There is an additional step that someone can make a resolution 14 days prior to the FTM. This is voted on by the attending body of the constituents.

This is the process we also should have with the School Department and it may take a couple of meetings so we can all understand.

Dr. Fillippelli does not want us to think we are not appreciating what is done but when we cut the programs. The Budget board replied that we do not cut programs or staff we give a bottom line budget and what you choose not to offer is done by the school committee not by the Budget Board. Again you have the same opportunity as the Town does to attend several meetings and discuss your point and answer questions if you choose. Bob Turner explained again the way the Charter and how the Budget Board is here to protect the people of the town from being overtaxed.

By the Budget board this cannot hurt the budget only help. We have offered items that may not have made the cut that we feel need to be added. For example, at Northern by us going on the tour we all agreed that the stairs are in very poor condition from the bottom parking lot to the top. We have asked that you get a price to do these stairs over. There is a considerable safety issue here.

We do constantly ask the same questions but we need the answers in order to get the facts on what is going to be completed. Have you got a couple of quotes, what is the impact of what you need? Is the quote reasonable and how soon are they available to begin as you know many items have a time constraint on them for a reason so we can get the fund encumbered.

We do typically try to keep the MOE as tight as possible.

Dr. Fillippelli said this is a difficult year with the "proposed cuts" of the state. BB replied we do not cut the needs of the children or the programs we give a bottom line budget and it is managed by the School Committee and the School Department.

Bob Turner explained that we are working the budget until the last moment 4-8-2022 is the day we need to turn the budget into the Town Administrator. The Budget board has 2 additional weeks to make adjustments if needed. At which time anybody can file an amendment to change the budget.

We are looking for pricing on the stairs at Northern. We actually had money for Saylesville to use on the front walk way and side walk and to fix stairs. This work has not begun; the way the resolution is written is that you have the year to get the work encumbered but if nothing begins the money is then sent back to the Town Finance Department. The Board sends out questions to both the Municipal and the School Department they are answered by emails and then we have in person visits with any remaining questions.

The School Department is a bottom line and the Municipal is a line by line costs

Mike O'Connell asked the question regarding how many more special needs children do we expect to bring back to the district. Allyn said that we do have more outside but have to see if it is worth it to bring back.

Mike then added a quote from a prior meeting from Allyn that there are certain children that we would not bring back do to the needs and disruption in what they are used to having. Children with extensive needs we may not have what it is that they need.

This comment was taken completely out of context and Mike Babbitt had to explain that was a reference from an earlier meeting.

Boards and Commissions

Town Council Expense line and Appraisals and Audit line should be in fixed charges

Motion to change the audited expenses 0 to 26K Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

Bottom line of 48K motion to approve Mike Babbitt and Nick Rodriguez

4830 bottom line motion to approve by Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt 130,289

4840 Probate Judge motion to approve Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt 7200

4850 Town Sergeant budget of 1400 Motion to approve Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

4860 Board of Canvassers 1700 move the bottom line Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

4600 Budget Board increase 700 on expenses to 1000. Motion to move the bottom line to 3000 Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

4870 bottom line 8120 Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

4880 Planning Board staff training 250. Reductions Motion by Andrew Esposito and Mike Babbitt amend to 100. Motion to move the expense to 150K Motion by Andrew Esposito and second by Mike Babbitt. Move the bottom line 8570 Nick Rodriguez and second by Mike Babbitt

4890 Board of Assessment 2190 Mike Babbitt and second Andrew Esposito

4910 1388 bottom line Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

4920 move the bottom line 5150 Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

4940 Personal board 1600 move the bottom line Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

Juvenile hearing 750 Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

4970 Park and Recs 1000 Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

5200 Land Trust move the bottom line 100 Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt

5300 Municipal Court increasethe computer expense line 500 Bob Tuner and Mike Babbitt Move bottom line 6000Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt
Grants andcontributions motion to approve the bottom line 62,500 Bob Turner and MikeBabbitt
Fixed chargescontingency from 31342 to 5342 motion by Bob Turner and Mike Babbitt
Bottom line 4773,212and move the bottom line to 5,919,903 motion to approve Bob Turner and MikeBabbitt
Unanimous to all theabove motions
Public Comment: None
Adjourn: Motion toadjourn at 930 by Bob Turner and second by Mike Babbitt

Next Meeting date:

3/23/2022

3/24/2022