

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE GRAFTON BUDGET COMMITTEE 4/12/18

April 12, 2018

Present were Ed Grinley, Catherine Mulholland, Jennie Joyce, and Pam Curran. Maureen O'Reilly joined late. The meeting opened at 6PM with Ed acting as chair.

Ed was elected chair.

Ed handed each member a copy of the quarterly report concerning the town department's expenditure's.

General Assistance: It was noted that the General Assistance office has spent 10,792. Of the allotted 20,000. Jennie reported that she had already spoken to the Welfare Director concerning this matter.

Catherine remarked that the Fire Department was over their budget. Ed explained that they had paid 12,000. Towards the contract with Canaan. The fire department had also had some expensive repairs.

Pam enquired about the Legal expenses. Ed explained that the expenses have to do with the Quigg Easement and the Grafton Center Church.

Pam also remarked that the newspapers report the budget incorrectly. She wondered if the budget committee could get the proposed warrant articles at the same time as they do the regular budgets and put them together. There was a general discussion concerning the regular budget requests verses the warrant article requests as warrant articles are capital expenditures.

It was noted that a minute taker is needed as Sandi Pierson has decided to retire from taking the Budget minutes. It was suggested by Pam Curran that Ed ask the Town Clerks assistant. Ed said that he had heard that the Town Clerk was having a problem with her assistant. Jennie said if she is having problems then maybe she should look for a replacement. Jennie asked Ed what they were doing about replacing Sandi? Ed said keep asking around.

Next meeting will be on a Thursday in July at 6PM. Date to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jennie Joyce