



**TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2017**

Dale Crafts, At Large 2017  
Normand Albert, At Large 2018  
Kasie Kolbe, District 1 2018  
Allen Ward, District 2 2018  
Christopher Brunelle, At Large 2019  
Mark Lunt, District 1 2019  
Kris Crawford, District 2, 2019

CALL TO ORDER. The Chairman, Allen Ward, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Ward, Kolbe, Crafts, Brunelle, Lunt, and Crawford. Councilor Albert was excused. Also present were Diane Barnes, Town Manager; Traci Austin, School Committee Chairman; Kathi Yergin, School Committee Member, Paula Jefferies, School Committee Member; Haley McCrater, Bookkeeper; Donald Fellows, Planning Board Chairman; Karen Paradis, Planning Board Member; William Kuhl, Recreation Committee; Darcie Moore, Times Record Reporter; Dorothy Fitzgerald, resident; and one other individual in the audience.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. 2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET**

At this time the Chairman opened the Public Hearing and the School Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Green, presented the 2017-2018 School Budget.

Superintendent Green said the proposed budget adopted by the School Committee last night totals \$15,735,507, which is up 2.68% or a \$409,967 overall increase over last year's budget. The local contribution is \$6,529,996, which is a 9% increase (\$535,913) over than last year. The State's contribution is a 1.7% decrease (\$146,063) totaling \$8,492,994. The total above EPS is \$1,377,013. He mentioned the school will be utilizing \$39,768 from capital reserve funds to pay the guaranteed performance contract cost. Any remaining balance budgeted for bond payments will lapse into the unassigned fund balance. He pointed out the auditor approved using \$403,721 from the unassigned fund balance to offset expenses for the coming year, which is \$209,451 more than last year. He said student enrollment is around 1,290 this year.

Councilor Ward mentioned he was able to get answers to his questions last night at the School Committee meeting. He said the school's budget first presented to the School Committee started with a \$1.2 million increase going into the budget season; however with cuts that's more likely to be around \$770,000 to \$810,000.

Councilor Ward asked if there were any questions from the public. Seeing none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTE (2017-124)** Councilor Crafts, seconded by Councilor Crawford moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

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Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary  
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC  
Date Approved May 16, 2017