

**PELHAM BUDGET COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009
MINUTES**

APPROVED

**RECONSIDERATION/PUBLIC HEARING
PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

ATTENDANCE: John Lavallee, Dennis Viger, Dan Guimond, Marti Lowe, Bob Sherman, Greg Farris, Angele' Diack, Joe Puddister, Doug Viger, Linda Koehler
EXCUSED: Larry Hall
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Gaydos, Janet Gallant, Sue Hoadley, Kathleen Sargent, Dr. Frank Bass, Linda Mahoney, Members of the Press and General Public

Chairman John Lavallee opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an introduction and brief explanation of the proceedings.

AGENDA: TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS AND WARRANT ARTICLES

1. Tom Gaydos requested the Budget Committee consider increasing the highway budget 18,000.00 for the purchase of 300 tons of salt
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Bob Sherman **PASSES 10-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 10-0
2. Joe Puddister asked the Budget Committee to consider a reduction in fuel for all depts. from 198,910.00 to 155,808.00
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Bob Sherman **PASSES 10-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 10-0
3. Janet Gallant requested a 20,000.00 increase to the General Assistance account in the Human Services Budget from 75,040 to 105,890.00. Expended over 95,000 last year and 7,000 since January 20, 2009.
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Bob Sherman **PASSES 10-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 10-0
4. Library Director, Sue Hoadley asked for reconsideration of 2,447.00 to be restored to the Library Budget.
RECONSIDERATION: No motion was brought forward.
5. Joe Puddister requested the Budget Committee consider removing the Kindergarten (485,553) from the operational budget.
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Joe Puddister seconded by Greg Farris **PASSES: 10-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Angele Diack, Motion to remove 485,553.00 from budget – “yes” means you are in favor of removing from the budget.
MOTION FAILS 4-6 (Lavallee, Doug Viger, Linda Koehler, Dennis Viger, Bob Sherman, Greg Farris)
6. Kathleen Sargent requested reconsideration to add 30,000.00 to the operational budget - sports transportation.
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Angele Diack **PASSES 6-4**
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-5 (Lavallee, Guimond, Puddister, Dennis Viger, Farris)
7. **Article 9** - Capital Reserve Fund, 50,000,00 – Reconsideration requested by Linda Mahoney
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Linda Koehler **FAILS 4-6**
8. **Article 12** - 80,000 to repair and pave the existing front parking lot at Pelham Memorial School
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Linda Koehler **FAILS 4-6**
5. Request for reconsideration to place 25,000.00 in the operational budget for the professional engineering fees that may be incurred by the School Building Committee.
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dan Guimond, seconded by Linda Koehler **FAILS 5-5**
9. Joe Puddister requested reconsideration to reduce 14,000 in fuel from the school operational budget.
RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Joe Puddister, seconded by Dan Guimond **FAILS 5-5**

MINUTES REVIEW: Doug Viger, seconded by Angele Diack to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2009 was unanimously approved as written.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion (Dan Guimond/Joe Puddister) to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Marti Lowe, Secretary