1 **APPROVED** 2 TOWN OF PELHAM **BUDGET COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES** 3 4 Thursday, April 19, 2018 5 6 <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> – at approximately 7:34pm PRESENT: Mr. Michael Bailey, Mr. Bob Sherman, Ms. Daryle Hillsgrove, Mr. Dave Cronin, Ms. Meg Bressette, Ms. Amber Capone, School Board Representative Deb Ryan, Selectmen Representative Doug Viger ABSENT: Ms. Deborah Gibbons 8 **MEETING MINUTES** 9 10 **February 8, 2018** 11 **MOTION:** (Sherman/Cronin) To approve the February 8, 2018 meeting minutes as written. **VOTE:** (5-0-3) The motion carried. Ms. Ryan, Ms. Capone and Ms. Bressette abstained. 12 13 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** 14 **MOTION:** (Hillsgrove/Sherman) To elect Michael Bailey as Chairman. **VOTE:** (8-0-0) The motion carried. 15 16 (Hillsgrove/Sherman) To elect Dave Cronin as Vice Chairman. **MOTION: VOTE:** (8-0-0) The motion carried. 17 18 **BUSINESS / DISCUSSION** 19 Mr. Bailey welcomed the new Board members. He then spoke about the ballot items that had 20 21 passed and thanked residents for voting during inclement weather. He informed that Board 22 meetings would be held in Sherburne Hall as much as possible. Once the final meeting schedule is solidified he will forward to the Board. 23 24 Ms. Ryan discussed the Middle School Building Committee recommendation to form a 25 'Renovations and Upgrade' committee. The School Board would like to have a Budget Committee 26 27 Representative member. She summarized the potential meeting schedule and stated they would like to potentially have a warrant article for the March 2020 ballot. 28 29 30 Mr. Bailey asked how extensive the middle school project would be. Ms. Ryan said she knew there were deficiencies, but it wasn't until attending a thorough walk-through that she realized the school 31 32 was in worse shape. She said the need was great. 33 34 Mr. Cronin asked if the Board could receive a copy of the initial report. Ms. Ryan answered yes, 35 she would forward the report to the Board.

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Mr. Sherman questioned if the School budget included funds for architectural fees. Ms. Ryan answered yes; they are in the budget that passed in March 2018. She discussed the timeline and noted the teacher contract would be coming this year and they didn't want to have the two requests at the same time. Mr. Sherman recommended that the Capital Improvement Plan Committee ('CIP') receive a timetable for inclusion on the plan prior to the submission to the Planning Board.

Ms. Hillsgrove told the Board that the Pelham High School Band was traveling to Universal Studios, Florida and competing in a competition. She wished them well and hoped they all enjoyed the experience.

The Board then discussed who would serve as liaison with other Town boards. Mr. Bailey asked for volunteers. Mr. Sherman volunteered to continue as the representative to the CIP. Ms. Bressette volunteered to serve on the middle school renovation committee. Mr. Baily stated he would interface with the Town and Selectmen directly. Ms. Hillsgrove stated she would work with the School Board. It was noted other members could attend the various meetings to understand the representative's role.

Mr. Bailey informed the members that the Board's ByLaws were posted on pelhamweb.com for review. When finalized, the meeting schedule would be posted. Ms. Hillsgrove asked members to contact the Chair or Vice Chair if they are unable to attend a meeting, so it could be marked as an 'excused' absence. If no notification is given it will be considered an 'unexcused' absence. Mr. Sherman noted if a member has three 'unexcused' absences, they could be dismissed from the committee.

The Board's next meeting will be the Town site walk so members can understand the budget submissions.

 Mr. Bailey informed there were two openings on the Budget Committee. These vacancies can be filled by appointment to a one-year term. After such time the candidate has the opportunity to place their name on the ballot for a specified term length. He encouraged interested parties to contact a Board member and/or fill out the volunteer application (found on Pelhamweb.com) and submit to the Selectmen's office.

Ms. Ryan reported that the School Board was conducting an open forum at the Pelham Memorial School on May 23, 2018 at 6pm to discuss: 1) teacher retention / pay scales, and 2) presenting the report drafted by the middle school committee. There will be information and a question/answer period. She said if there is a community member who would like to be involved with the renovation committee they are asked to contact the Superintendent's office. (bcox@pelhamsd.org) Ms. Ryan noted that the fiscal year ends June 30th, therefore the new Superintendent (William Furbush) will start July 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Sherman/Cronin) To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE:

(8-0-0) The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted, Charity Landry, Recording Secretary