

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Bristol Town Office

Committee Members Present: Alfred Ajami, Alex Beaudet, Rob Davidson, Paul DiMauro, Sandra Guibord, Charles Hanson, Kelly Harvell, Paul Leeman III, Harry "Terry" Lowd, Karl McLetchie, Mary Piasecki and Patricia Porter.

Also present: Select Board members Chad Hanna (Chair), Kristine Poland and Paul Yates; Christopher Hall (Town Administrator).

The meeting was called to order by Chad Hanna, Chair of the Select Board, at 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hanna called for nominations for Chair of the 2022 Budget Committee. Terry Lowd was nominated by Porter, seconded by DiMauro. No other nominations being received, Hanna called for a show of hands and declared Lowd unanimously elected.

Taking the chair, Lowd called for nominations for Vice Chair. Charles Hanson was nominated by Davidson, seconded by DiMauro. No other nominations being received, the Chair called for a show of hands and declared Hanson unanimously elected.

There followed a discussion of the Committee's schedule and procedures. The following dates were set in the light of the Committee's wish to have time to consider the presentations by Town departments before making their final recommendations for the Town Meeting Warrant.

- Tuesday, January 11th requests from service providers, including CLC Ambulance
- Monday and Tuesday, February 7th and 8th School, Fire, Parks and Town Office budgets, with the Town Administrator to contact the AOS office and School Board to confirm whether their budget would be ready for discussion on that date.
- Possibly Monday, February 14th a further meeting to vote on the Warrant articles discussed on February 7th and 8th, after receiving answers to any outstanding questions.

Discussion of holding meetings via Zoom in the light of Covid led to the conclusion that the January 11th meeting, with its possible need for agency representatives to travel long distances, should be held by Zoom, while consideration of the departmental budgets should be in person unless the Covid circumstances at that time made it impossible.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7.57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Hall Town Administrator