

~ **Meeting Minutes** ~
Androscoggin County Budget Committee
November 2, 2016
Budget Committee Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Chair Michael Lachance at 6:07 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Budget Committee: Chair Michael Lachance, Vice-Chair Norman Beuparlant, Anthony Reny, Joseph Grube, Allen Ward, Steve Bolduc, Kevin Nichols, Alison Dube, Tina Hutchinson, Shane Bouchard, Andrew Titus, Guy Desjardins.

Budget Committee Absent: District 3 Vacant, District 5 Vacant.

Other: Chair Ronald Chicoine, Vice-Chair Sally Christner, Commissioners Alfreda Fournier, Elaine Makas, Beth Bell, Randall Greenwood, Matthew Roy, County Administrator Larry Post, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, EMA Director Joanne Potvin, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Sheriff Eric Samson, Facilities Director David Cote, Patrol Lieutenant Glenn Holt, Administrative Assistant Sandy Berube, WGLT Dick Clark, Joanna Said, Dwight Hines, citizen.

IV. CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
N/A

V. CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER 26, 2016 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

On motion of Norman Beuparlant, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(067-2016) to accept the October 26, 2016 Budget Committee minutes as presented.

VOTE: 11-0-1
Abstained-Desjardins

VI. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Chair Michael Lachance – Listed the Budget Committee’s departmental budget cut amounts with percentages of decreases.

Administrator Larry Post – Gave a detailed account of the budget overview.

Chair Michael Lachance – Listed the percentage difference between the 2016 and 2017 Proposed Tax Levy amounts for each town.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwight Hines, Livermore – Stated that Livermore doesn't have the money. He said that 28 people haven't paid their taxes in 2015, 98 haven't paid them in 2016, and 38 from 2015 are in foreclosure. He would like some kind of long-term plan for where they are going to be in ten years; the population is declining. He would like to increase access to justice because he feels it will be hard to get economic development without a strong justice system.

10 minute recess
Meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

VIII. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCOUNT

Discussion regarding the budget.

IX. FINALIZE AND VOTE ON BUDGET

On motion of Joseph Grube, Seconded by Kevin Nichols, it was

VOTED:

(068-2016) to approve the bottom line of the Final Budget Committee Budget at \$12,993,309.26.

VOTE: 11-1
Opposed – Titus

X. COUNTY ASSESSMENT LIMIT

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Shane Bouchard, it was

VOTED:

(069-2016) to increase the Androscoggin County Assessment Limit of \$8,889,923.00 (as established for the Tax Levy) to \$9,108,580.00, an increase of 6.44%, which is the amount to be raised by taxation.

VOTE: 10-2
Opposed – Titus, Lachance

XI. ADJOURN

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Shane Bouchard, it was

VOTED:

(070-2016) to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

VOTE: 12-0

Sandra Berube
Administrative Assistant