

Draft of the Advisory Budget Committee Meeting Minutes to Finalize (we hope) votes on the operating budget and warrant articles
Thursday January 2, 2020

In Attendance

Peter Royce

George Bailey

John Morris

By phone connection: Dan Mannschreck and Steve Saunders

Also attending and participating: Conner MacIver

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM.

Minutes were approved from the meetings of November 26, and December 11, 2019. Motion by George, seconded by John.

The warrant articles were discussed by order of those needing a vote and then in order of those which had not been considered by all members of the ABC.

Article 3: The library bond created most of the discussion. It was noted that any donations received after January 29 would require another vote of the Town Government in March of 2021.

John and Steve expressed concerns about the cuts in the budget related to FFE and owners' contingency. The concern was related to any possible lack of funds to complete the project. The Town most likely becomes liable. It was also noted that the sight lines might not be as good as the architect presented. The possibility of poor sight lines might also require redesign or changers to required staffing. Peter stated he is willing to let the Library Trustees accept the risk of the budget cuts.

Article 3 was recommended on a 3-2 vote.

Articles 5, 9, 10, and 13 were recommended by a 5-0 vote.

Article 15 was recommended by a 4-1 vote.

Articles 17 and 19 were discussed together. Article 17 was recommended by a 5-0 vote. Article 19 was recommended by a 3-2 vote.

Article 18 was recommended by a 5-0 vote.

All the articles being reconsidered were recommended by a 5-0 vote. These articles were # 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 14.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Royce