

**Town of Chester  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 17, 2020  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

**I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Lamphere called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Attendance**

**Committee Members Present:**

Rhonda Lamphere, Vice-Chair  
Ephraim Dobbins  
Kathy Guilmette  
Brennan Holmes, School Board Liaison  
Stephen Landau, BOS Liaison

**Committee Members Absent:**

Mike Weider, Chairperson

**Others Present:**

None

**III. Member Comments**

There were no Member Comments.

**IV. Welcome and Announcements by the Chair**

Vice Chair Lamphere stated that the Committee was going to review the report and the minutes for the meeting tonight.

**V. Public Comment**

There was no Public present.

**VI. BOS Update – Liaison Steph Landau**

Selectman Landau said that he thought the report was fine; he suggested Mr. Dobbins put his name on the report to indicate that Mr. Dobbins drafted the report for the Budget Committee.



Selectman Landau noted that the Chester School District 2019 Annual Report has been distributed to the Town Hall. He reminded the Committee that the School District meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

**VII. School Board Update – Liaison Brennan Holmes**

Liaison Holmes said that if the Public wanted any additional information, they can watch the Chair Richardson's interview with PACT during which he discusses the School District's (SAU82) warrant articles.

**VIII. Other Committee Updates – None**

**IX. Minutes –**

- a. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- b. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- c. January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- d. January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- e. January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- f. February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

**X. Old Business –**

None Discussed.

**XI. New Business**

**a. Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the minutes.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to accept December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes as written; Ms. Guilmette seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor (5-0-0) with Chair Weider absent; motion carried.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Ms. Guilmette made a motion to accept January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes as written; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor (5-0-0) with Chair Weider absent; motion carried.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes as written; Ms. Guilmette seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor (5-0-0) with Chair Weider absent; motion carried.



**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Recording Secretary Qualters noted the following corrections:

Line 38 – add an s to “warrant.”

Line 64 – add the word “it.”

Line 109 – remove the word “the.”

Line 116 – replace “have” with “run.”

Correct the Roman numerals from line 175 to the end.

**Mr. Dobbins made a motion to accept January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes as amended; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor (5-0-0) with Chair Weider absent; motion carried.**

**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Mr. Dobbins made a motion to accept January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes as written; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor (4-0-1) with Selectman Landau abstained and Chair Weider absent; motion carried.**

**b. Town Report**

The Committee reviewed the report written by Mr. Dobbins for the Budget Committee; they made minor punctuation and layout amendments.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the Annual Report from the Budget Committee as amended; Mr. Dobbins seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor of the motion (5-0-0) with Chair Weider absent; motion carried.

**XII. Member Comments -None**

**XIII. Public Comments - None**

**XIV. Next Meeting Date(s): Monday, March 2, 2020**

**XV. Adjourn**

**Mr. Dobbins made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The vote was five in the affirmative with Chair Weider absent; motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Molly Qualters,  
Recording Secretary