

**Town of Chester
Budget Committee
Draft Minutes
June 12, 2018**

I. Meeting to Order

Chair Weider called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM on Tuesday June 12, 2018.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Weider led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Attendance

Budget Committee Members:
Chair Michael Weider
Vice Chair Rhonda Lamphere
Chuck Heuer
Becky Owens
Christina Gelinas
Brian Shankey
Brennan Holmes

Liaisons:
Selectman Stephen D'Angelo
Mike Romick School Board

Absent:

Member Comments –

IV. Announcements by the Chair – none

V. Public Comment – none

VI. BOS Update – Coming to fiscal end of year, we look like we'll have a little surplus, a few encumbrances left but not too many. It'll be probably \$30,000 maybe a little more. The FD has a few projects that were discussed but weren't put into the budget, sewer issue, fans, and a few other odds and ends. \$33,763 is the estimated. The maintenance position is going to begin interviewing.

PACT – Mr. Cannon and Mr. LeBlanc have been appointed to the board.

Mr. Romick questioned if the \$5,000 was still being supported for the school board or not, Selectman D'Angelo was not there to know the details of what is taking place. So he can't speak to it at this time.

Mr. Heuer – The existing chair position has expired, sometime in July they will vote in a new chair.

Selectman D'Angelo – I don't have a position one way or another as I don't have enough information. The issue is that they are pinching nickels right now such as assigning the costs for the lights and anything they spend money on. There was a problem the other day, no audio for a meeting, there was something that blew here and they were trying to track it down. As an all-volunteer group, it's hard to track down and since it is all used equipment that has been purchased or donated, it is not new.

Vice Chair Lamphere- Is all of this equipment necessary?

Mr. Heuer – It is necessary to do a decent job.

Mr. Shankey – Did we vote to support the equipment for the school?

Vice Chair Lamphere- PACT had requested that money be taken from the franchise fees and it was supported at town meeting.

Selectman D'Angelo – Technology has changed and the charter had to be updated. It didn't change too much, but it does update some things such as how they would generate money other than just the franchise fees. PACT has grown leaps and bounds and the hours people put in are tremendous. We need a volunteer coordinator, how do we pay for them? Enough with the part time coverage, we should get this taken care of.

Mr. Heuer – They have come so far with what they have been able to offer, especially on a shoestring budget.

VII. School Board Update- We had a meeting last Wednesday, getting a lot of feedback on full day kindergarten which would be two years out. To get it up and running would be about \$225k for a one time additional cost. From there forward it would be only the salary increase cost. We haven't made a decision yet, but we need as much feedback as possible, not just from the school people. We'd be looking for more input from the town, it was difficult at the school board meeting because once the decision was made, and most people left the meeting. If you have constituents that you talk to, please have them reach out with their feelings.

Mr. Heuer – Do we think this is something that within the next 3-5 years will be definite?

Selectman D'Angelo – For a lot of families, it's socialization. Kindergarten plays an essential role and those that don't have the working family situations need to get their kids into kindergarten to begin getting the basics of their education.

Vice Chair Lamphere – If we were to institute full day kindergarten prior to a state mandate, who would be paying for it?

Mr. Richardson – It would be part of the school budget, the support from the state would go from the \$1100 per student to \$1800 per student.

Mr. Romick – We started to look at this last year and are getting good information to make an informed decision.

Dr. Owens – Would it be mandatory?

Mr. Richardson – This is part of the decision process, possibly some half day, some full day, we're not sure yet.

Mr. Heuer – When is the next para contract?

Mr. Romick – None this year, it will be the year after.

Mr. Romick – Also, this year, I am the BC liaison and Mr. Richardson will be the backup liaison.

VIII. Other Committee Updates –

IX. Minutes –

1. April 30, 2018

Vice Chair Lamphere made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Chair Weider seconded the motion.

Line 41- May 2, 2018

Line 84 – Doesn't read real smooth

Line 112- Crowley Woods not Farm

Line 137- desirable not valuable as we affect the rate by driving it down

Line 172 – Winter maintenance fund not highway block grant

Line 191- remove

Line 197 – fix date change to the 12th

All in favor, the motion carried.

X. Old Business –

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139 **XI. New Business –**
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141 School end of year forecasts – about \$11,000 more for reading support that was just
142 dropped in now so all we can do is return it.
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144 Special education savings – we were able to bring a student back into the district as well
145 as removing the need for some of the resource rooms which is all mandated by IEPs so
146 it's been a fantastic tribute to Jana that she's been able to do this and create these
147 unanticipated savings.
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149 Mr. Richardson – There are three pieces of special education at Pinkerton – resource
150 room – like a study hall, least intrusive and demanding of resources for kids that need just
151 that extra help but not a paraprofessional in the class or one with them at all times. Some
152 kids had used it before and they no longer need that. We paid the \$11,000 tuition and the
153 resource cost per student is roughly \$8,000 more on top of that.
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155 Mr. Romick - We also approved some expenditure for infrastructure to try to avoid future
156 costs: \$48,040 for some work that came in under the \$50,000. The refrigerator was
157 approved as well. In June we approved accounting software upgrade, we chose to do it at
158 a time when we had a surplus. We will have a negative tax impact again, but next year we
159 will be starting at -\$384,000 so anything we put into a budget at all, there will be a tax
160 increase.
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162 Selectman D'Angelo – Some of these items seem to be CIP type items.
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164 Mr. Richardson – The only things that were in the CIP were the accounting software and
165 the refrigerator.
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167 Selectman D'Angelo – What about the exit door alarm system upgrade, or the software
168 upgrade. Almost \$64,000 worth of stuff that could have been run through the CIP, the
169 goal is to collect impact fees for the school.
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171 Vice Chair Lamphere - If you take those things out, and not put anything else into the
172 CIP, it will lower the amount of impact fees you will collect.
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174 Mr. Romick – The shingled roof will need to be replaced sooner than we thought so that
175 will be added.
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177 Chair Weider – Under the current CIP \$421,000 requested, software request \$50,000
178 actual purchase was \$32,000 nothing else on this list made it into the CIP.

179 Heating and cooling upgrade for \$75,000, stage curtain not purchased yet, cafeteria roof
180 \$225,000, wireless network expansion \$35,000, room switch for \$30,000. They need to
181 decide if the parking lot repairs will be phased in. It affects you in the long run because it
182 needs to be realistic because if you throw things in to make money and it's not used in 7
183 years, it needs to be returned to the developers. So it can't just be a wish list, it has to be
184 reasonable. As for the computers, whether it's a lease or a purchase, there has to be some
185 value. Acquiring something that has a replacement value, can be brought to the CIP.
186 Money can be set aside to sit there in the CIP, then it is able to get the impact fees, the
187 school can fund the difference at any given time. Currently, those that have been
188 approved, have a certain amount to be collected. The FD hurt themselves by taking
189 everything out at one time and now the impact fees that are being taken out for them are
190 much lower as those were some big ticket items.

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192 Selectman D'Angelo – We had an approval at the town meeting to create a committee to
193 vet the items in the CIP.

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195 Chair Weider – I'll be the stickler, for the past two years, we've had significant surpluses
196 and I understand why, however hindsight is hindsight, we have reserve and contingency
197 accounts, I think we can be a little more aggressive with the budget. We understand that it
198 is built from the bottom up and with surpluses built into the budget because of how the
199 process works.

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201 Selectman D'Angelo – The discussion we had last fall is the starting point for building
202 the budget for this year uses the year before's budget which had a surplus in it.

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204 Mike Romick – I explained before, we took out the pieces where the savings came from.
205 The difference in teachers' salaries, and we can't take out the Pinkerton savings because
206 we don't know, but the majority of this is Pinkerton savings.

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208 Chair Weider – When we build the budget, we have reserve accounts, the town and the
209 school have revolving retained funding, and special education, and I know it's hindsight,
210 but when we go through the process again, could we ask if there is something we can do
211 to not have to ask the taxpayers for money to withhold to be returned. It's a lot of money
212 that sits there before they see the value to it.

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214 Mr. Romick - Of the \$384,000 savings, \$255,000 came from Pinkerton.

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216 Chair Weider - 2% of the budget which you retain in your special account is \$218,000 so
217 I think we can be more aggressive.

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Mr. Romick – The biggest value I bring to the school board is during budget time. It wouldn't be smart not to fund kids that are already slated. One student moves in, turns this all completely the other way. It's not to offset savings that could occur, it's to help us should somebody move in because the money doesn't come back until two years later.

Vice Chair Lamphere – The Pinkerton numbers are rolled through.

Mr. Richardson – For the budget we just approved, we get the number in October, and then we receive the numbers quarterly. Whatever we have for enrollment at the end of this school year that's the numbers we'll project for Pinkerton.

Chair Weider – We know how many kids are graduating eighth grade, and we have the numbers of kids who are already at Pinkerton minus the class that left, in September we have some number, we get that as a budget number and in October we will get the official number.

Mr. Richardson – We adjusted continually, by the time we go to school district meeting, we up or down the number accordingly.

Mr. Romick – If you think the school board wants to carry a \$384,000 surplus, we don't, but we're looking at a \$12 million budget, so we're within 3% which is pretty good.

Mr. Richardson – There is a moving target because of how many kids move in and out each month, it is not like it used to be. It fluctuates greatly.

Vice Chair Lamphere- Once you replace the 7 teachers, what I want to see is those amounts put back into the big spreadsheet to see the impact.

Chair Weider – For Mr. Romick any night other than Mondays works better for meetings.

At this time, the tentative new BC meetings would be 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

XII. Member Comments

Vice Chair Lamphere – Wednesday September 12th the Budget and Finance Workshop will be held at the Derryfield in Manchester, please email to figure out who is going and who isn't going. Request received twice from the road agent – He went to the BOS and is asking if the BC will take a straw poll on whether or not the BC would support a \$7 million road bond to do the work over two years to: rebuild East Derry Rd, North Pond Rd., Halls Village Rd, and to reclaim and pave Jennifer Dr., Holman Dr., Parker and

Rand which are all down on the Fremont line. I told him you can't just throw a bond like this with no information or discussion provided, I said I would read it as he requested. He's up for reelection, he's planning on running again and if elected believes he would be able to complete the bond work in two years.

Chair Weider – It comes down to the legislative body, traditionally large bonds for specific roads don't pass in this town. We did this for \$2 million for a 10 year bond and the work wasn't finished, there was a change in leadership, and it soured the taste of the townspeople.

Vice Chair Lamphere – It's a 10 year bond, he's going to do the work in 2 years, what is he going to do for the next 8 years? We are far behind on road repairs because many years we didn't do too much at all. At only a few hundred thousand each year, it isn't enough to get what needs to be done.

Mr. Heuer – He has \$600,000, he should have a minimum amount of money every year because with a bond, once it's gone, it's gone. Why isn't the CIP sufficient for what we can afford right now? The bond goes against CIP. One reason for putting up the \$800,000 is so we don't have the spikes from other bonds coming up. The funding should come from the system that we built.

Chair Weider – He's going to need to ask for more money. All it does is put a stress on the town. He should have the legislative body vote to put \$700,000 in the CIP each year rather than committing to a bond instead of obligating the town to the bond which then doesn't allow anyone else to get anything. Then he could draw down small portions every year in a 7 year window instead of a 2 year period.

Selectman D'Angelo – There is a faction of people who believe that the roads can go to dirt. We have a new tax law that will change things to a cap of a \$10,000 deduction. How will that change things with construction in the next few years? Will you be able to capture money from impact fees from houses being built if they're not being built? When you factor in the new business tax deduction, it will have an interesting impact but it's an unknown factor. Rather than putting a strangle hold on other items of the CIP.

Mr. Shankey – What did the BOS say?

Selectman D'Angelo – It came down to an argument about roads going to dirt instead. No matter how bad East Derry Road gets, it's still better than trying to plow any dirt road.

Mr. Romick – What is the best way to solve this road problem? We all need to be on the same page, can't vote on which roads.

Vice Chair Lamphere – I'd rather see what else is on the warrant article.

Selectman D'Angelo made a motion to table the Road Agent's request for a straw poll. Seconded by Mr. Romick. All in favor, the motion carries.

Chair Weider – What Michael is asking for in the CIP is \$24 million worth of work, it's all or nothing because as the road agent he believes this is the most important work in town. Now the BOS, BC, and this new committee will be able to determine what will happen. These roads are in the CIP.

Selectman D'Angelo – There's a triage and set priorities and put a wear coat down every three or four years.

Mr. Heuer – If we do anything, we should add money to the annual contribution for roads. You might go through, do all the roads, and before you pay the loan off, you'll have more roads again so you're better off having a steady supply of money every single year and have some way to increase that by some percentage over time.

Selectman D'Angelo – It's a hard sell to the town but also we don't know how the town will look in 10 years, people are moving from Massachusetts and they're looking for sidewalks and streetlights.

Chair Weider – We funded some more money for engineering based on high, low, and medium type repairs, but the reality is that part of it, is every time a road gets turned on, it goes right back onto the next 15 years.

Selectman D'Angelo – then we also need to think about the cost of fuel and how that will impact the cost of a bond.

Mr. Heuer – Maybe it needs to be a separate warrant article for funding of the roads to get up to some predetermined amount of money every year. Some money will come out of CIP, and then we have a special warrant article that backfills to get to a continuous fixed amount. That can grow by some amount each year.

Mr. Romick – The theory would be that by the end of year 7 or so, it would all be funded from the CIP.

Reconfiguration of the Board –

I think we just need to understand what the role is. I know there was some discussion that sometimes meetings didn't go as they had thought, and the way it was chaired. The chairman's role is only to preside over the meeting, and continue to move it forward, to keep it in path, to stop nonproductive conversations, to schedule, post the meetings, have warrants to sign, call the votes, and break the ties. It's no other things at all. Vice Chair is to fill in for the chair, and help the chair with anything they may need, coordinate regular meetings if the chairman can't be there and move those meetings forward.

The responsibilities of the committee is working on behalf of the taxpayers, not individual choices, the opinions cannot be shared with the quorum of the board, that's when you abstain from votes because that's a conflict. We don't speak as individuals; the

352 committee speaks as one; we don't disagree when we leave the meeting, even if you
353 don't like the decision the committee has come through, the committee speaks as one, no
354 individual member of the committee has any more power even the chair. We do not voice
355 the opinion whether we agree or disagree, that's the way it moves forward. The vote
356 when it finalizes, is the vote of the committee.

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358 At school district meeting I heard from emails that the chairman should have spoken
359 more strongly against the contract. I think I spoke fairly against the contract, we had two
360 days to review the contract, I stated we did not support the contract and shared the
361 reasons why, if I recall, I was the only one to do research that came through this
362 committee comparing other towns, I shared it with the school, and to be criticized that I
363 didn't do a fair share representing this committee at the meeting, I take offense to. I've
364 heard there have been some emails floating around going to a majority of this committee,
365 but not a quorum of this committee, which is a conflict. Emails being circulated to
366 members of the committee, but not the full committee including discussions via email
367 about positions is a violation of the right to know law. We should not be doing any
368 correspondence other than committee business of schedule, attendance, etc. 5 members is
369 a quorum, copying 5 members and not the whole committee is a violation of the right to
370 know. So with that, we have to be very smart with what we do and how we do it. If there
371 was disagreement during the year, I wish that members of the committee would have
372 brought it forward. Shared all the boards and committees he has sat on. I take offense
373 when people say that I don't give a fair opportunity, or I'm in cahoots with the board
374 because I don't have a conflict. I don't always agree with members of my family, or
375 boards and I've made it very clear that I'm going to share my opinions. I don't take it out
376 of the meeting. With that, if there is discussion, we should be a transparent committee
377 working on behalf of the public. We're elected to advise the town, to solicit information
378 from other departments and boards and make recommendations for the budgets, and
379 warrant articles. Is there anything anyone wants to say?

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381 Were there emails?

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383 Mr. Heuer – There was a private conversation, and it was violated, but it was no different
384 than a conversation outside in the parking lot.

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386 Chair Weider – How many members of this committee were a part of that conversation?

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388 Mr. Heuer – I think it was four or five.

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390 Chair Weider – That's a quorum of this committee and it's not a private conversation if
391 it's discussing town business or members of this elected committee.

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393 Mr. Heuer – It was after the end of the budget cycle and the originator of the email did
394 not know that rule as it was not discussed this entire year. So that's the end of that and as
395 far as private conversations go, I don't want to hear about it because there are so many
396 other private conversations that go on with this committee so to tag us with one private
397 conversation is way over the top.

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399 Chair Weider – Was it an email sent to the majority of the board?
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401 Mr. Heuer – I already answered that.
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403 Chair Weider – We talked about the right to know back in October.
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405 Mr. Heuer – There was no discussion this year about what you could email and what you
406 could not so therefore anyone coming on board in the past two years as a matter of fact. It
407 goes back quite a long ways where it was covered and at that time it was said that you
408 need to split up the group so you're not sending to the entire committee.
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410 Chair Weider- You know the Right to Know law, you violated the right to know law.
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412 Mr. Heuer – I was part of a conversation, I was not the originator and the originator did
413 not know that rule.
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415 Chair Weider – Okay so the originator didn't know, but Chuck knew. Chuck has sat
416 through this committee for many years.
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418 Mr. Heuer – I was the object of that email, since the budget cycle was over, we weren't
419 talking about stuff going on at the school, or going on with the town, I didn't see a
420 problem.
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422 Chair Weider – Was my name discussed? Was the chairman position discussed? Was the
423 chairman referenced?
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425 Mr. Heuer – The position of chairman was discussed.
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427 Chair Weider – Was there a school member discussed? Or a conflict between the
428 chairman and a school board member?
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430 Mr. Heuer – No, I don't remember that.
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432 Chair Weider – That is not what I heard. I heard there was a bias that I could not make a
433 decision because I have a wife that sits on the school board.
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435 Mr. Heuer – That's been discussed in more than one place, but not in the email that I
436 recall. You may not have realized, but I was almost ready to vote yes for the contract
437 after your speech, you were right on there with the facts, but it was the tone. I don't think
438 it emphasized how strongly we felt about our recommendation. We may have voted no,
439 but why did you bother to give a speech? It was a mellow tone presentation; you had no
440 emphasis on how we felt about it.
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Chair Weider – At the district meeting you and I spoke against it, anyone else could have spoken but did not. So we made our point, we voted against it, I gave the full amount of the \$1.8 million.

Mr. Heuer – That’s the discussion that has gone around some parts of this table, that there was a concern; and you’ve done a fantastic job, I don’t know why you have to defend yourself.

Chair Weider – I don’t like that this committee who has done a great job and has a great reputation in this town, works well with departments, we’ve built relationships with the BOS, the school, and a number of departments. I don’t want to go back to a time when nobody wants to talk with us as they don’t feel we’ll be honest and transparent.

Mr. Heuer – Reorganizing a committee is a normal thing, and this committee has been under the same flag for my entire time on it, and it’s about time it changed.

Vice Chair Lamphere – First of all, the email was sent from someone that did not understand that a quorum of the membership cannot be communicating without all of the membership, and because you are well seasoned on this, as soon as you read it, you should not have responded, you should have called them and said we can’t communicate like this, it’s a violation of the right to know, that was an error because a statute is a statute. It doesn’t matter if it’s during the budget review, or the summer when we’re all on vacation, a statute is a statute.

3 years ago I asked Mr. Weider to take over as Chair as there was a lot going on for me at the time. I went to him one-on-one, said there is too much to take care of right now, would you consider taking this position over? The rest of the conversation took place at the table with the rest of the committee and there, no one voted against him taking over as Chair at that time.

Vice Chair Lamphere made a nomination for Mr. Weider to continue as Chair of the BC. Mrs. Gelinas seconded the nomination.

Vice Chair Lamphere -He’s done a great job chairing, and if we want to have a discussion of someone else speaking at a district meeting rather than him, we have to be very open about that.

Mr. Shankey made a motion to insert that it be voted through a paper ballot. Mr. Heuer seconded the paper ballot.

Mr. Romick – I understand the benefit of a paper ballot, however, there are clearly things that need to be worked out, and sometimes it is just better to get them out on the table in order to have a functioning committee.

Selectman D’Angelo – Been on this committee for 10 years, one thing to impart to the newer members, it takes a while to absorb all of the stuff. On the BOS, one of the things

that crops up all the time is the lack of understanding of the budgets, department heads are constantly in Joanne's office to see where they are for their budget. This is strictly volunteer and it's been a pretty nice relationship, we've all gotten along really well and had the opportunity to share things. No one would disagree with Vice Chair Lamphere the BC has been her baby. It took me a few years to understand how things work. Everyone needs to take a step back to try to develop this experience level. I am ready for someone else to take over, but I don't want there to be animosity and how would there not be the perception of a husband and wife having discussions and would there be an inherent bias. We all have our biases. I would hate to see the choosing of a chair disrupt the relationship building as you are all relatively new. A ballot that doesn't disclose who you're voting for is important to keep things from becoming a problem down the road.

Motion is on the table – 6 in favor. 2 opposed. The motion carries, the vote for the position of chair will be a paper ballot.

Mr. Romick – If we have problems, with the Chair, whoever, we have to feel comfortable enough to voice them. What I'm worried about is if people didn't feel comfortable enough sharing with the Chair, that's what has got to be solved.

Mr. Heuer – Mike has done a fantastic job, the tone was not quite where it needed to be. I think that from time to time, change is a good thing and it's good to bring other people in and get them trained. It's not about someone having done a bad job, it's about reorganizing, it's not a negative thing. Anyone else on this committee would have their own slant on how to conduct the meetings and how to do the job, and just like in corporate America, sometimes change is good and after 15 years, change can be good. It was never a reflection on anyone.

Vice Chair Lamphere – Running a meeting is such a small portion of what the chair does. There's still a lot being done by someone else other than the chair.

Mr. Heuer – That's why it's important to move on so you guys are there to help whoever is in those positions to help give the training they need so no balls are dropped and the committee moves on for the future.

Dr. Owens- This isn't against either one of you, you've been doing it a long time, you're both very knowledgeable. The people I talk to in town, the people I know, don't think there's good relationships between the BC and other departments or committees. I have heard from people on this committee, other people, in this town, and that I don't think it's saying you've done a bad job, just that I agree that it can be time for a change.

Chair Weider – For the history record, I was the Chair of the BOS for two years and Valerie was the Chair of the School Board for the two years, the bias that the public has is a nuisance. If they understood the politics in my house, they aren't talked. We have separate lives and thoughts and the public can believe what they want. When we have issues with departments, when the committee gets involved, it should not be in email. All we should be seeing is information about the meeting taking place.

534 Dr. Owens – I don't think anything in those emails is something that couldn't be public.

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537 Chair Weider – With that information, could we have a copy of them so we could publish
538 them or get them in the minutes in the future because that's what we should be doing. If a
539 discussion was made about the committee, it should be shared with the public.

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541 Dr. Owens – It's a conversation, not something you'd talk about with the board.

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543 Mr. Romick – As soon as it became part of a conversation with a quorum, that's why it's
544 a problem.

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546 Selectman D'Angelo – With the world we live in with technology, that sense of
547 communication can be difficult. As soon as it became a quorum of the committee, that's
548 when it became a problem.

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550 Mr. Shankey – There is a perception that there is a bias whether it's true or not.

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552 Chair Weider – If the committee has a concern, and people feel that there's a problem,
553 that discussion should have been had with this committee.

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555 Dr. Owens – I have talked with people and they don't feel comfortable talking about how
556 they feel when this is how you respond.

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558 Chair Weider – This is how I speak in everyday life, I'm a monotone person.

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560 Dr. Owens – Members don't feel like they can come to you.

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562 Mr. Heuer – I shared after the town meeting, that I didn't feel like the tone was the right
563 one. It seems like you all are doing everything you can to hang on, the subject at hand
564 should be reorganizing the committee, not defending yourself.

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566 Chair Weider – How it started was explaining the position and describing the duty of the
567 job.

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569 **The paper ballots went out, 5 yeses and 4 nos, Chair Weider will remain the Chair**
570 **of the Budget Committee. Effective immediately, Mr. Heuer resigned his post as a**
571 **member of the BC, that will give the entire summer and into the fall to find a**
572 **replacement.**

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574 Mr. Romick – Listen to feedback from tonight, and see if it helps to gain perspective. We
575 need to be transparent to really show how we're feeling, I like it better when we can
576 discuss things in an open forum and have everyone be heard.

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578 Vice Chair Lamphere – I can sputter information out because I've been sitting here for 16
579 years. I would have a serious problem with putting any of you three in a leadership

position because you're not ready yet. (Becky, Christina, Brennan) Not one of them have even been to a finance and budget training.

Dr. Owens – Just to clear up any confusion, I never asked to be nominated to be vice chair. Those words were not from me, they were something that Chuck shared, not what I asked.

Selectman D'Angelo – There's always someone that will step up, and are able to function. I don't disagree that Rhonda is one of the most knowledgeable people in town, but at the end of the day, she is an extremely good resource. But I wouldn't have any problem nominating someone else as Vice Chair since it's a learning position and we have a great teacher.

Mr. Romick – It's almost co-chair because Chair Weider is so busy, if you're interested, make sure you're aware of what you're getting yourself into.

Chair Weider – I rely on the Vice Chair a lot because I can't do it all. Vice Chair Lamphere keeps me up to date on certain dates and deadlines, all sorts of vacations times that need to be posted, whoever is going to be Vice Chair, I am tickled and prodded by the school, the finance director, getting signatures from the boards, having the forms that need to be filed, it's also whoever is going to help me because I can't do it all.

Mr. Romick – You heard from the vote that there's a want for some change, whatever the outcome is, maybe there should be some sort of training so if anyone else is interested, they can learn what it takes to do this job so someone can feel more comfortable with this position for the future. Or we could have someone more experienced work with someone who is less experienced.

Chair Weider – We don't have a support staff for these roles. If someone wants to shadow, whoever does the role, I will say, it's not easy. I'm not trying to discourage anyone, but there is a lot of learning that is done, some will be taught through the Chair, some will be through the committee, it's not just coming to the meetings on Tuesday nights. There is a lot of filtering of emails as well, doing work during the week to get ready for our meetings.

Mr. Shankey – It is a learning experience, I don't think having a new person is necessarily a bad thing, I do think there are times that new blood needs to take over and I disagree with the concept that everyone that is new does not have the potential. I want to say that publicly.

Mr. Romick made a motion to nominate Rhonda Lamphere as Vice Chair. Vice Chair Lamphere seconded the motion. 5 in favor, 3 opposed. Vice Chair Lamphere has been nominated.

Vice Chair Lamphere made a motion to create an additional position called a Second Vice Chair. Chair Weider seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Lamphere - I would like someone, doesn't matter whom, and everything we do this year, you will be a part of. We'll make you aware of when things need to be done, but I'd be willing to put together a binder, because people have no idea what I do and a job description is needed. I think it's time, it's a good move for this committee and whoever would be in that position it doesn't mean you would move into the Chair or Vice Chair position the following year, it is time to do that and have someone else be more involved.

Mr. Richardson – The superintendent keeps the school board on track and follow along, he's the control for the school district. The BC doesn't have that. Vice Chair Lamphere is the default and for her to impart that knowledge would be invaluable.

Chair Weider – The calendar with all of the colors, I spend over a week with two calendars, and making sure all of the information is there and the BC still finds mistakes.

Vice Chair Lamphere – The statutory deadlines are so crucial, it's nothing against any of the new members, but those things are so important, they're life changing if you screw it up. If we need new blood, this could be how to do it, bringing in a second Vice Chair, making sure that the person is extremely active; they can learn and possibly step in.

Mr. Shankey – I'm not sure we have a big enough committee that we need that much administration. I know you're thinking about long range, but do we need that?

Mrs. Gelinas – I think it's a good idea. God forbid one of you were to get sick during that time, no one would know what your tasks would be.

Chair Weider – I'm willing to give any of this up, it's not a personal thing I need, but the bigger picture is building a group that is willing to do the job and letting the community know that we can give them good information so they can make good decisions. I think the position is a good idea as there is a lot of information to maintain.

The motion is on the table, 6 in favor, 2 opposed, the position has been established.

No nomination came forward at this time, to give members the opportunity to think it over.

Mr. Richardson suggested that everyone get a ChesterNH.org email address in order to protect personal accounts for right to know laws.

Selectman D'Angelo – It is available, so that is something that I will look into.

Mrs. Weider – Mr. Richardson also states at each meeting that the use of technology during the meeting, if you're on call, or have to step out, you're not communicating amongst each other.

672 Mr. Richardson – I attend a conference that includes information about right to know and
673 would be happy to forward that information.
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675 **XIII. Public Comments**
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677 **XIV. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday October 9, 2018**
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679 **XVI. Adjourn -**
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681 Mr. Romick made a motion to adjourn. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. All in
682 favor, the Budget Committee meeting of June 12, 2018 adjourned at 9:56pm.
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684 Respectfully Submitted,
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686 Sarah DeLisle, Recording Secretary