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# BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**
**Following Town Deliberative Session**
**which begins at 1:00 PM**
**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**
**89 Whitehall Road**
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**
Chairman B. Soucy called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**
**B. Soucy, M. Kowack, D. Greenberg, G. Martins, A. Shaine, W. Lynch, and E. Bencivenga**

**BUSINESS**
**Reconsideration of Hooksett Municipal Warrant Article Recommendations**

**Article 6 – Martins Ferry**
Correction on the tax rate
B. Soucy motioned to recommend Article 6. Seconded by M. Kowack.
***Roll Call***
***W. Lynch Yes***
***A. Shaine Yes***
***G. Martins Yes***
***D. Greenberg Yes***
***M. Kowack Yes***
***E. BencivengaYes***
***B. Soucy Yes***
***Vote 7:0 Motion Carried Recommended***

**Article 7- Operating Budget**
The Operating Budget was reduced from $24,475,753.00 to $23,657,820.

***B. Soucy motioned to recommend Article 7 Operating Budget in the amount of $23,657,820.***
***Roll Call***
***W. Lynch No***
***A. Shaine No***
***G. Martins No***
***D. Greenberg No***

***M. Kowack Yes***
***E. BencivengaYes***
***B. Soucy Yes***
***Vote 3:4 Motion Failed Not Recommended***

**Article 20 – Body Cameras**
Article 20 was amended to increase the sum from $175,645 to $183,080.

**B. Soucy motioned to Recommend Article 20 in the amount of $183,080. Seconded by W. Lynch**
**Roll Call**
**A. Shaine Yes**
**G. Martins Yes**
**M. Kowack Yes**
**W. Lynch Yes**
**D. Greenberg Yes**
**E. Bencivenga Yesr**
**B. Soucy Yes**
**Vote 7:0 Motion Carried Recommended**

**Reconsideration of School District Warrant Article**
**Article 2 – Operating Budget**
The Operating Budget was reduced from $41,422,137 to $40,672,137 at the Deliberative Session.

***B. Soucy motioned to Recommend Article 2, the Operating Budget in the amount of $40,672,137. Seconded by M. Kowack.***
***Roll Call Vote***
***W. Lynch No***
***A. Shaine No***
***G. Martins No***
***D. Greenberg No***
***M. Kowack Yes***
***E. BencivengaYes***
***B. Soucy Yes***
***Vote 3:4 Motion Fails Not Recommended***

**Article 4 – 15 year Lease Purchase Agreement**
The 15-year Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of $13,342,119…and to appropriate the sum of $1,229,558 for the first year's payment was reduced to 0.

***B. Soucy motioned to Recommend Article 4 – 15- Year Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of $0...and to appropriate the sum of $0 for the first year's payment. Seconded by W. Lynch.***

***Roll Call Vote***
***G. Martins No***
***A. Shaine No***
***W. Lynch No***
***E. BencivengaYes***
***D. Greenberg No***
***M. Kowack No***
***B. Soucy Yes***
***Vote 2:5 Motion Fails Not Recommended***

**ADJOURNMENT**