

November 7, 2019

Minutes of the Public Hearing upon Preliminary Budget held Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 6:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse, Jerry D. Smith and Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Members of Council. Also present: Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Mr. Wilson supplied everyone with new 2020 Budgets containing new figures, as follows:

- Mr. Wilson said the final Excellus amounts for 2020 came in today and he and Susan Whitney worked on finalizing the numbers in the budget. He said the numbers in the Preliminary Budget were figured at a 7% increase and the final amounts came in just below 6%.
- He said that Ms. Whitney had added an additional line to the budget format to break out the prescription line.
- He also said that she calculated the cost of all the employees and found she was putting too much into the healthcare line.

He said all these factors had changed the figures in the health insurance lines on pages 6 and 9 of the Preliminary Budget and that when brought forward and applied to the 2020 Budget Summary page, the numbers had made it possible to remove the Less Unexpended Balance figures and still have a balanced budget while remaining below the 2% tax cap.

With all budget business complete, the Board Members discussed the recent Halloween storm and damages.

Resolution No. 225 – 19

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that with all business having been transacted, this meeting be adjourned. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
November 8, 2019

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman
Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Councilwoman