

**Town of Amherst, NH**  
**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**2 Main Street**  
**Monday, December 16, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Ways & Means Committee was assembled by 6:00pm. Members in attendance: Peter Moustakis, Elaina Bedio, Danielle Pray, Scott Tuthill, and Lisa Eastland.

6pm- Prior to joining the selectmen meeting, Ways & Means was joined by Town Administrator Dean Shankle to cover any outstanding questions that remained. He briefed the committee regarding the dollar figures for the police union contract (Article #33) which had prior been unavailable for W&M to review. This is a four year agreement which provides for a guaranteed 2% raise for those employed by the police department in Amherst. Dr. Shankle also touched on Article #34 which provides for a conditional meeting in the event that the police union contract fails to pass in the vote. Finally, Dr. Shankle provided figures requested by Ways and Means to show how the money collected via the Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund (Article #29) has been spent over the past decade. He stated that all but around \$800 has been accounted for.

6:15pm - Ways and Means was then joined by George Bower of the Bike and Pedestrian Committee and Rick (last name unknown to secretary) to answer questions regarding the Side Path project (Article #32). We received clarification on the location and distance of the proposed project and discussed potential future projects.

6:30pm- Ways and Means joined the selectmen meeting. The selectmen reviewed the articles for which Ways and Means hadn't yet voted. They discussed and clarified the parameters and implications of the proposed police union contract (Article #33) and briefly discussed how the conditional town meeting would materialize should the contract not pass (Article #34). Secretary Elaina Bedio then relayed to the selectmen the results of our vote taken December 9. Then the committee moved to their meeting room to vote on the remaining articles:

#29: 5-0-0  
#32: 5-0-0  
#33: 5-0-0  
#34: 5-0-0

7:05pm- Returned to selectmen meeting and Chairman Peter Moustakis reported the results of our final vote.

7:10pm- Returned to meeting room to discuss the rest of the process for Ways and Means which includes the writing of the article for the Amherst Citizen as well as a paragraph for the annual town report, attendance of the public hearing, and presenting at the deliberative session.

The date of our next meeting was confirmed. W&M adjourned at 7:15pm.