



BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 21 February 2015

Call to Order: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:29 AM at the Community Building.

Roll Call: Dana Gray, William Burns, Len VanGaasbeek Jr., Len Van Gaasbeek III, Jon Waugh, Meg Gardner, Brett Davis Sr.

Also present: Selectmen Brian Atkinson, River Payne.

New Business: Reviewed budget requests as per attached summary.

Acct #	Description	14-15 Aprvd	15-16 Sub	Difference	%	SCHED Date	Date Reviewed	Prelim Vote: Y-N-A/R
0100	Municipal Administration	\$157,400.00	\$163,734.00	\$6,334.00	4.02%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0
0102	Town Record Preservation	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	#DIV/0!	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0
0103	Treasurer	\$43,833.00	\$44,404.00	\$571.00	1.30%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0
0104	Town Clerk	\$38,143.00	\$42,500.00	\$4,357.00	11.42%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	6-0-1
0105	Elections	\$16,200.00	\$16,500.00	\$300.00	1.85%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0
0106	Tax Collector	\$53,404.00	\$54,209.00	\$805.00	1.51%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0
0400	Operations and maintenance	\$47,938.00	\$49,130.00	\$1,192.00	2.49%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0
0500	P.W./Snow	\$243,641.00	\$295,695.00	\$52,054.00	21.37%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	6-1-0
1000	General Assistance	\$1.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,999.00	999900.00%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	6-1-0
1300.0	Revised - Insurance	\$217,885.00	\$213,716.00	-\$4,169.00	-1.91%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0
1600.0	FICA	\$60,586.00	\$63,495.00	\$2,909.00	4.80%	21-Feb-15	21-Feb-15	7-0-0

Regarding the preservation of town records, Mr. Waugh asked how much it would cost to preserve each year's records annually once there is no longer a backlog. Mr. Atkinson will check with the Town Clerk.

In answer to questions regarding the budget for elections, Mr. Atkinson noted that all workers at the polls are paid an hourly wage, there are no volunteers. There must always be an equal number of Democrats and Republicans working at each election.

Budget item numbers 0600 (P.W. Highway) and 0601 (Paving) were discussed briefly but then tabled to be reconsidered at the next meeting (2/23/15).

Under discussion of 1300 Insurance, question was raised whether insurance has been put out to bid. Mr. Atkinson replied that this has not been done, noting that completing the required paperwork is very challenging and time consuming. He stated that currently all of the town's insurance programs are through Maine Municipal Association. Mr. Davis noted that other companies will consider insuring municipalities and someone would be able to help with the required paperwork. As he has a background in insurance, Mr. Davis will consult further with the selectmen.

Plan for Next Meeting: See summary spreadsheet. The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be on Monday, February 23, at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Martha Turner, Secretary.
Approved by Budget Committee on 3-2-15