

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 2018

Town Office

PRESENT: Committee Members, Marc Fortier, Pat Mittleider, Jim Hicks, and Jay Hopkins. Alan Doyle was absent. Also present was Carlotta Pini, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Chairman, Marc Fortier, explained that the Budget Committee had met with the Board of Selectmen to review the July budget reports. Jay mentioned that trucking in the Transfer Station budget is costing money and no one wants to buy recyclables, especially glass and plastic.

Questions were raised regarding a number of line items, including postage and mileage in the Fire Department and computers and the lease for the Police station. Jay said the Selectmen are looking into buying the building. Pat requested a breakdown of specific expenses that fall under general titles. DPW heat was mentioned. Jay explained that donations to the Green Center offset the cost and Peter tries to burn waste oil whenever it's available. He noted that building #3 is not very energy efficient.

Marc asked about revenues. Carlotta noted that revenue reports had been distributed the month before and can be made available if the Committee wants to review them monthly. Marc asked if Shaw took over the Transfer Station. Jay said no. He explained that the two part time workers are Town employees.

It was noted that there was no line item for electricity in the Parks and Rec or Pool budgets. The Committee referred to the General Government Buildings budget where it was accounted for.

There was a discussion about warrant articles, specifically the paving projects, and whether the funds lapsed at the end of the year. Carlotta explained that they do, unless specifically designated as "non-lapsing".


There was a discussion of the next steps in the budget process. Carlotta said she tentatively plans to begin budget presentations at the October 2 Selectmen's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

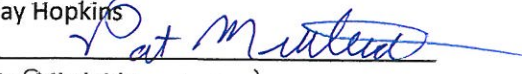
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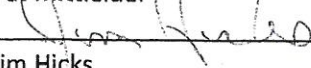
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