

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Budget Committee Meeting: January 20, 2021

Present: Jennifer Bland, Conan Cook, Rob DeValk, Claudia Istel, Sue Metsack, Cheryl Sanctuary, Judy Aron

Meeting began: 7:00PM (SM)

1. Minutes January 13: Motion RD/CS to approve, passed.
2. Updated Comparative Budgets, Draft Warrants and the DRA 737 Proposed Budget form were distributed. These documents show the Selectmen's recommendation to pay for the backhoe replacement in full instead of financing. This was made possible because of under expenditures in 2020 and increased revenues both of which raised the Town's fund balance.
3. The updated budget was reviewed. There was discussion about future highway equipment purchases. It was noted that not financing the backhoe and completing the roller financing in 2021 positions the Town for truck replacements which may be due in 2022. Note was also made of the increase in the budget in Conservation due to increasing costs for monitoring against milfoil.
4. There was consensus to submit the Draft 737 Proposed Budget to DRA for review and to post the budget public hearing for February 3 with February 10 as a snow date.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00PM. Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt

AGENDA: Budget Committee public hearing Wednesday, February 3, 7PM
(Snow date February 10)

Open meeting

1. Approve minutes
2. Open hearing for public comment and questions
3. Close hearing
4. Vote to change or adopt budget

Meeting adjourned:

Some useful dates:

February 2: Last day for petition warrant articles;
February 5: Last day to post budget public hearing;
February 12: Last day for budget public hearing;
February 15: Town Report goes to press with completed budget;
February 22: Last day to post signed budget and warrant;
March 3: Town Report available to voters;
March 9: Town Meeting.