

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Budget Committee Meeting: January 12, 2022 **Present:** **Judy Aron**, Jennifer Bland, Conan Cook, Claudia Istal, Sue Metsack, Cheryl Sanctuary, Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Mark McIntire, Gregg Thibodeau, Glenn Elsesser, Rob DeValk

Meeting began: 7:00PM (SM)

1. Minutes January 4, 2022: Motion CS/JB to approve with edits, passed.
2. Mark McIntire spoke about road projects including Cold Pond Road paving, Derry Hill drainage, River and Forest Roads resurfacing. It was later noted most of these are capital rather than maintenance projects. MM also outlined the purpose of an additional truck and the need for an additional man. He noted Acworth's ratio of 3 men to 22 miles (based on a total of 66 road miles) exceeds that of surrounding towns. MM responded to questions regarding tree work noting a high number of hazard trees in Town and high shop supplies costs noting the efficiencies of bulk buying.
3. Flood loan repayment as described by Mascoma was reviewed. It was noted the Selectmen recommend a 5 year term repayment rather than a lump sum because it offers more budget flexibility.
4. The proposed budget estimated tax rate was reviewed. There was discussion about other areas for savings for future discussion.
5. Next meeting: January 19 with Erin Darrow, flood project engineer; No other interviews requested at this time.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45PM, Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt

AGENDA: Budget Committee meeting Wednesday, January 19, 7PM

Open meeting

1. Approve minutes.
2. Meet with Erin Darrow.
- 3.

Meeting adjourned:

Some useful dates:

BC Wednesday meeting dates: 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 (FMRSD mtg), 2/9: Public hearing, (2/10: Snow date)

February 1: Last day for petition warrant articles;

February 4: Last day to post budget public hearing;

February 11: Last day for budget public hearing;

February 15: Town Report goes to press with completed budget;

February 21: Last day to post signed budget and warrant;

March 1: Town Report available to voters;

March 8: Town Meeting.