

# **MINUTES** *approved minutes*

**Budget Committee Meeting:** January 13, 2021

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

**Meeting began:** 7:00PM (SM)

1. Minutes January 6: Motion RD/JB to approve, passed.
2. RD spoke to the backhoe replacement noting there may be enough in fund balance to cover the total purchase above what has been committed from the Equipment Capital Reserve and to avoid financing. The Selectmen will review this option at their January 18 meeting. There was also review of the proposed road projects noting the need to avoid leaving newly opened roads because of the potential for requiring dust control.
3. SM inquired about the Transfer Station and it was noted bulky waste increased in 2020 along with the cost of paper recycling. Hours for part-time assistance have been budgeted. RD also noted budgeting to establish a new capital reserve fund for the future replacement of the compactor.
4. JB described responsibilities that evolved following her appointment to replace Toni Bowman as Town Health Officer. Regional health officers confer regularly regarding Covid 19. The HO was also called to monitor and report on failed septic systems and to make wellness checks on elderly residents in need.
5. At this time there are no requests for individual meetings with any departments.

**Meeting adjourned:** Motion RD/JB, passed, 8:00PM. Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt

## **AGENDA:** Budget Committee meeting Wednesday, January 20, 7PM

### **Open meeting**

1. Approve minutes
2. Complete budget review?

### **Meeting adjourned:**

#### **Some useful dates:**

BC Wednesday meeting dates: 1/20, 1/27, as needed;

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.