

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Budget Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes of January 07, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

BUDGET COMITTE PRESENT: John Balla, Jennifer Bland, Claudia Istel, Susan Metsack

Absent: Judy Aron, Cheryl Sanctuary

Public: None

BOARD OF SELECTMAN PRESENT: Kathi Bradt, Ryann Schoonover

OTHERS PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau

CALL TO ORDER FOR MEETING: Susan Metsack called the meeting to order at 6:32PM

Officers were elected for the budget committee. Susan Metsack was nominated as chair by John Balla and seconded by Jennifer Bland. Susan was unanimously approved as chair by the committee. Cheryl Sanctuary was nominated as co-chair by John Balla and seconded by Jennifer Bland. Cheryl was unanimously approved as co-chair by the budget committee.

The meeting dates for January were reviewed, and the public hearing date for January 28, 2026, was confirmed, subject to weather conditions.

Judy Aron and Susan Metsack are eligible for term renewals, and Charlotte Comeau will provide them with the necessary paperwork later this month if they decide to seek reelection.

Kathi Bradt presented the Year-to-Date Revenues & Expenditures. In addition, Kathi discussed various budget areas, including Highway, Acworth Volunteer Fire Company, Town Office expenses, Emergency Management, Cold Pond Rd, and Crane Brook Rd project. The Budget Committee was advised that they could request interviews.

John Balla questioned the town's continued involvement with the engineering firm that submitted a quote to FEMA for \$35 million to restore the CBR to its pre-flood condition. John Balla pointed out that our previous engineer was already in the process of doing the same thing for \$2 million. Jennifer Bland responded that FEMA is reviewing all the documents submitted by the firm, and they will likely question the same firm's quote of \$25 million for repairing the road. Jennifer Bland meets with FEMA on Monday January 12th.

Next Meeting is January 14, 2026, 06:30PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 07:08PM Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Bland