

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Budget Committee Meeting: January 4, 2022 **Present:** Jennifer Bland, Conan Cook, Sue Metsack, Cheryl Sanctuary, Jim Jennison, Carole Wallace

Meeting began: 7:00PM (SM)

1. Officers: Motion CS/JB to nominate SM chair, passed. Motion JB/CS to nominate CC vice chair, passed.
2. Meeting dates for January approved.
3. Term renewals for Cheryl and Claudia noted and filing applications provided.
4. Year to Date, Comparative Budget and draft warrant articles distributed and reviewed. In the YTD the use of ARPA funds for broadband was noted as well as the expansion of account 4290 Emergency management to track flood repairs. In the Comparative Budget an increase in Town offices due to a personnel change, the absence of reval spending and the reduction in insurance due to premium holidays were all noted. Account 4290 was reviewed showing available flood repair funds coming from the balance remaining of the flood loan along with \$50,000 from the Bridge capital reserve fund and \$500,000 diverted from typical annual capital spending. Also reviewed was the estimated effect on the tax rate which is showing an increase.
5. Next meeting: January 12 to review Highway and Road Projects and determine the need for other interviews.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45PM, Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt

AGENDA: Budget Committee meeting Wednesday, January 12, 7PM

Open meeting

1. Approve minutes.
2. Meet with Mark McIntire:
 - a. Assess the impact of flood damage on routine maintenance;
 - b. Assess crew size;
 - c. Assess equipment needs;
 - d. Any other Highway budget questions.
3. Review flood loan repayment.
4. Confirm Erin Darrow for 1/19/22. Any other interviews needed?

Meeting adjourned:

Some useful dates:

BC Wednesday meeting dates: 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 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.