

Budget Committee
September 26, 2018
7:00PM
Town Office/Police Station Conference Room
Approved: October 3rd 2018

Budget Committee Members: Judy Brotman, Kevin Sahr, Eric Furstenberg, Richard Jones, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Scott May, Erik Colburg, Jennifer Boylston & Cybele Merrick. Select Board member Susan MacKenzie. Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Brotman.

1. The Budget Committee discussed the following topics:
 - Wage and salary - No decision made on a specific increase to recommend, but it was noted that the Northern CPI is 2.7%
 - Operating Cap- The committee did not make a recommendation on a % cap for the Town or School operating budget at this early budget stage.
 - Past warrant articles - The committee requested to have this year's proposed warrant article numbers as early as possible. It was noted the committee members would like to consider these numbers at the same time they consider the operating budget.
 - The select board's proposed wage increases should be included in the departments' proposed budgets.
 - Wish list - The budget committee reviewed last year's list. They are encouraging the Department Heads to come to them with information as to how these wish list items will help them improve their ability to perform their job or make the department run more efficiently.
 - Roads plan - The budget committee would like to see a plan on maintenance and repair to the Town roads. Bonding and or scheduling out these projects was discussed.
2. Chair Brotman offered this time for public comment, there was none.
3. Elections- Brotman open the floor for nominations.
 - Mr. May moved to nominate Judy Brotman as Chair of the Budget Committee. Seconded by Ms. Glenshaw. Voted unanimously in favor.
 - Chair Brotman noted this board should have a vice-chair to cover any absences of the Chair.
 - At this time Ms. Brotman nominated Richard Jones as vice-chair. Seconded by Mr. Colburg. Voted unanimously in favor.

The budget committee thanked the Select Board for all their hard work noting it is amazing how well this town works with such little staff.

At 8:14 PM Ms. Glenshaw moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Voted unanimously in favor.

Upcoming schedule for budget committee meeting:

10/3 – Department requests and wish list items:

- Public Safety (\$344,818)
 - Police
 - Ambulance
 - Fire
 - Emergency Management
- Health and Welfare (\$31,254)
 - Agencies
 - Administration/Direct Assistance

10/10 – Department requests and wish list items:

- Highway & Streets (\$768,440)
 - Regular
 - Winter
 - Street Lighting
- Solid Waste (\$101,300)
 - Collection/Disposal

10/17– Department requests and wish list items:

- General Government (\$655,936)
 - Executive
 - Elections, Registration and Vital Statistics
 - Financial Administration
 - Revaluation of Property
 - Legal
 - Personnel Administration
 - Planning & Zoning
 - General Government Buildings
 - Cemetery
 - Insurance
 - Advertising and Regional Association
 - Other
- Library (\$160,829)
- Parks & Recreation (\$69,102)

11/7 – Discussion of proposed Town operating budget and possible warrant articles.

Possible advisory vote on Town operating budget.

11/14 – Advisory vote on Town budget, if not previously taken.

12/19, 1/9/2019– School District operating budget and warrant article discussions and advisory vote.

1/16/2019 – Advisory vote on School District budget, if not previously taken.

1/23/2019 – First Public Hearing on Town and School proposed budgets

1/30/2019 – Second Public Hearing (if necessary)

2/6/2019 – Public Hearing on proposed warrant articles

Sincerely,

Dina Cutting