

**Town of Alexandria, NH**  
**Budget Committee**  
**Minutes from November 23, 2021**

Don called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Members present; Doug Benton, Ed Skrobak (via conference call), Fred Platts, Ian Mac Innus and Don Paiva. Alternate members Kerry Rockwell and William Hall. Representing the selectmens office was Bob Piehler, also in attendance was Jennifer Dostie

Don asked if all members had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting, there were no correction, changes. Fred made a motion to accept the minutes, Doug second the motion and the motions was passed.

Chief Suckling provided the committee with an overview of the number of service calls the department has responded to year to date, of which there have been a total of 868 calls. The Chief also gave an in depth break down of what is involved time wise depending on the type of arrest made. The Chief also stated that a meeting was set for December 1<sup>st</sup> between the Danbury and Alexandria selectmen to further discussion of a possible merger between the two police departments.

Fran presented the proposed budget for the town clerk. All expenses are in line from the previous year. The only exception was an increase in the deputy pay which is a reflection of additional hours to be worked in 2022. As well the addition of a third election that will need to be staffed.

Ken presented the proposed budget for the transfer station. There is a slight increase in wages. Station maintenance has an increase of \$4,500 as the last several years this category was under budgeted. Disposal cost have an increase of \$5,000. Ian asked if the disposal cost would be accurate where inflation could be a factor this year. Ken advised that we had a signed contract locking in our disposal fees. It is possible disposal cost could go up even more if we ship out more containers than anticipated.

Mike Provost was not in attendance to discuss the Health Officer budget. Don stated that the Health Officer budget hasn't changed in several years. There was some discussion as to why we are budgeting \$4,000 dollars when the past few years actual expenses have run around \$1,000, It was noted that Mike had not submitted all his expenses. Also budgeting the \$4,000 would cover any unexpected expenses.

There was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Paiva