

MINUTES
BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

PRESENT: Doug Benton, Don Paiva, Fred Platts, Mike Provost and Cindy Williams
George Tuthill was present as Selectmen's Rep.
Audience: Larry and Nancy Sharp

Don called the meeting to order at 6:05.

A motion was made by Mike, 2nd by Doug to accept the minutes as written from the September 24th meeting, so voted.

Transfer Station Budget 2025

Paul Sirard, as representative for the Transfer Station appeared. Paul reviewed his budget request for the Transfer Station. Paul explained he is now one man down and looking for a new hire. There is no scheduled date for construction of the new building. The contractor will be starting the sitework soon.

There was a question regarding the hazardous waste day expense of \$2189.00. It was explained that this is an amount pro-rated for our portion towards Hazardous Waste Day that many towns participate in.

Highway Department Budget 2025

Paul Sirard, Road Agent appeared. Paul reviewed his budget request. He explained his salary includes that of overseeing the transfer station. It was observed that the health insurance costs have increased substantially. Paul explained that the overage in dues and subscriptions was the cost for a commercial license for his new hire and he is working out well. Paul explained he has just lost one employee.

Paul explained that the gravel line item is substantial because he is lining up crushing for future use. Cost of 1 ½" crushed bank run gravel is currently \$17-18 cy. Having our own pit will be a substantial savings.

The new 6 wheeler truck that was approved in March is expected sometime in October.

Current warrant articles he plans to propose are as follows:

JCB Backhoe 2016- trade for new backhoe lease \$148,470.

Town Line Bridge \$179,912 (Hodgdon Road)

The bridge will be wider than existing bridge – Hanson Bridges will do work

Paving – Pattee Hill Road apron beyond Fischer property \$12,500.

Belser Road \$58,300

Berry Road \$84,400 just above Borry's driveway

Stoney Lane \$64,600

Abutments Patten Road \$219,800.

The police dept. budget request was provided. It will be on the agenda for November 12. The next meeting will be October 22. Don has scheduled a couple of the agencies requesting funding to be present.

A motion was made by Mike at 7:33 to adjourn, 2nd by Fred, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Williams