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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendee:

Steven Crane

Kevin Cassidy

Fred Platts

Doug Benton (Vice Chair)

Brian Lewis

Danielle Reed (Chair)

Mike Provost

Department Heads:

George Clayman, Alexandria Fire Chief

Benjamin M. LaRoche, Bristol Fire Chief

Paul Sirard, Alexandria Road Agent

Deborah Glidden, Library Trustee

Public:

Don Paiva

Fred Osburn

James Grant

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Doug Benton.

Daniell was excused for a work obligation. Prior meeting minutes were not discussed.

The library budget discussion was postponed. Fran presented the Town Clerk and Tax Collector budget. There were few questions and little discussion.

Bristol Fire Chief, Benjamin M. LaRoche was introduced by Fire Chief Clayman.

He discussed the 2026 contract and the need for increased staffing costs of the Bristol Ambulance service to the Towns of Hill, Danbury and Alexandria. The Bristol ambulance service was at full-service capacity due to the increased service calls from Bristol. Added staff were needed to provide service to Hill, Danbury and Alexandria to achieve a satisfactory level of service. Bristol ambulance provides two employees for each ambulance call and may be dispatched to three locations at the same time using up to seven staff members to provide emergency service. The ambulance service cost for 2026 will be \$259,507.53. Paul discussed the highway budget and noted that there would not be any paving at the transfer station. The placement of the equipment leases was discussed about placing them in the highway budget or in warrant articles. Selectmen Tuthill will discuss ramifications with the town's attorney. Paul was asked about the road roller rental expense whether it was a rental or a lease. He reported that it is under rent to own contract. Paul was asked about planned warrant articles for equipment. He plans to request a new heavy truck the estimated cost is \$301,141 dollars one F250 for \$59,225 dollars. The purchase is expected to be in the form of a lease. The will also be a warrant article for \$257,850 dollars for paving. Paul commented on the preparation that

would be needed before the road would be paved. He also said that he had bought a camera to provide an internal view of the existing culvert.

The meeting ended at 7:00 PM with Mike Provost making the motion to adjourn and seconded by Kevin Cassidy. All in favor.