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November 10th, 2025

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendee:

Steven Crane

Doug Benton (Vice Chair)

Brian Lewis

Danielle Reed (Chair)

Kevin Cassidy (absent)

Fred Platts (absent)

Mike Provost (excused)

Department Heads:

Sue Cheney - SOC chair, Trustees of Trust funds, Cemetery

Deb Gliden - Library

Richard Nialetz - Library

Sue Hunt - Cemetery, Trustees of Trust funds

Melanie Markiewicz - Treasurer, Planning Board

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Danielle Reed.

Motion made by Brian second by Steven to accept meeting minutes from October 28th, 2025

Supervisors of Checklist (SOC) budget. There is an increase in the budget due to there being 3 elections in 2026 and they are now required to do a yearly purge. With the purge there is need to advertise and requires more hours worked.

The Election Admin. Budget also has an increase due to the amount of elections. There is also a professional services line. This line is for the programing of the all-for-one tablet that is required by law to be available for use in town elections. This law change took affect in 2025.

Trustees of Trust Funds has no budget changes. It was requested that totals of all trust funds be present for when the budget committee meets to go over the budget.

Cemeteries has over a ten thousand dollar increase. There is a two thousand dollar increase in sexton wages, three thousand five hundred dollar increase in labor wages. Four thousand five hundred dollar increase in other expenses. Sue Hunt and Sue Cheney states taht there is alot of work that is needed at all the cemeteries that include safety concerns. There is many headstones that have fallen and need to be righted. They have received a quote that is fivehundred fifty dollars to right a headstone. Many headstones need to be cleaned. It was asked if there was family that can take care of them. Sue Hunt stated that most have no family

left in the area. Some of the headstones that need work done are veterans. Richard requested that he gets the names and location so he can see if the Ledger can help with some of them. There is a lot of brush that needs to be cleaned up and removed. Question if some of this can be done with volunteers or people that need to do community service work. They would also like to increase the mileage to six hundred dollars.

There was no representative from the Conservation Commission.

Treasurer has no change to budget from last year.

Planning Board budget has a slight increase from last year due to the way we now have to mail out certified letters. The town needs to now pay for the postage and the applicant pays the town for the postage.

Library budget has a decrease of thirteen thousand five hundred sixty dollars. Deb and Richard state they have programs planned for the 2026 year. The plan is to have programs run spring through the fall to save on heating expense. They are working on a to do list of items to continue to fix up the building. There is also a need for a computer and printer. It was stated that there is a need for educational programs and for access to computers and printers. The library did receive a new oil tank this year.

There was a question of each department having a phone line budget and if it would be possible to consolidate.

Motion to adjourn made by Doug second by Steven.
Meeting adjourn at 7:24pm