

## **Draft**

December 3rd, 2025

### Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendee:

Steven Crane

Doug Benton ( Vice Chair)

Brian Lewis

Danielle Reed ( Chair)

Kevin Cassidy

Mike Provost

Fred Platts (absent)

George Tuthill (Selectmen Representative)

Paul Sirard (Road Agent)

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Danielle Reed.

Motion made by Mike, seconded by Doug, to accept meeting minutes from November 17th, 2025. All in favor.

Question was brought up in regards to Fire Department communication line.

The following budgets were accepted as is by all members:

Emergency Management, Forest Fires, Bridges, Health Officer, Welfare Assistance, Library, Parks and Recreation, and Conservation Commission.

Highway Department, clarifying questions were asked about the roller, what truck they wanted to replace, hot top/paving, cold patch, winter sand, edges, tires, and chians. Mike made motion to accept second by Brian. All in favor.

Street lighting, it was discussed to remove funds from this line as most of the street lights do not work in town even after calls to repair. The committee was informed that if we do not pay the yearly fee then we would have to have them taken down.

Transfer Station, It was brought up to the Committee that due to more trash being brought to the transfer station that there have been times where the compactor is full before the weekly pick up. Due to this there is an increase in our disposal cost. Danielle made a motion to increase the Disposal Cost from \$105,000.00 to \$120,000.00. Brian second all in favor. Steven made a motion to accept the new budget total for the Transfer station of \$240,362.00 Kevin second. All in favor.

Health Agencies

NANA requested \$7,500 Committee voted on \$6,000. Motion made by Mike second by Kevin. All in favor.

Voices Against Violence requested \$3,832 Committee voted on \$2,800. Motion made by Steven and second by Danielle. All in favor.

CADY requested \$1,000 Committee voted on \$500. Motion made by Danielle second by Kevin. All in favor.

Lakes Region Mental Health requested \$4,980 Committee voted on \$2,000. Motion made by Brian second by Steven. All in favor.

American Red Cross requested \$700 Committee voted on \$500. Motion made by Mike and second by Danielle. All in favor.

Mid-State Health Center requested \$4,000 Committee voted on \$1,000. Motion made by Steven second by Mike. All in favor.

Pemi Baker Community requested \$2,500 Committee voted on \$1,500. Motion made by Steven and second by Mike. All in favor.

With the changes it brings the total from \$31,064 to \$20,852. Daniell made the motion to accept with the changes. Steven second. All in favor.

Meeting for December 15th was cancelled. Next meeting is the Budget Hearing on January 20th, 2026 at 6 pm with a Budget Committee meeting to follow.

Meeting adjourn at 7:53 pm