Town of Alexandria Budget Committee Meeting Minutes — Draft
October 27, 2026

Attendees:
Danielle Reed, Chair

Kevin Cassidy, Vice Chair

Art Barron
Steven Crane
Mike Provost
Doug Benton

Selectmen:
George Tuthill

Guests:
Nancy Sharp

Fran Skiffington, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Paul Sirard, Road Agent/Transfer Station Manager

Danielle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Danielle asked that committee approve minutes from the 9/22/2026 meeting. Mike Provost made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections; motion received a second from Kevin Cassidy. Minutes of 9/22/2026 were approved by budget committee.

Fran Skiffington presented the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector budget. There were no questions from the budget committee.

Paul Sirard then discussed the 2027 Transfer Station/ Solid Waste budget.
The 2027 total budget is $260,576 compared to the 2026 budget of $240,362.
The disposal costs are estimated to increase by $20,000 during 2027.
Paul explained that the contract for transportation and tipping fees costs has been renewed for 5 years with possible annual increases.
The budget committee and Paul discussed the disposal of construction materials, the users, the fees and the use of a scale for weighing materials going into the construction dumpster.

Paul then discussed the Highway Department budget.
The 2027 budget presented totaled $938,393 compared to $873,698 an increase of $64,695.

Wages and salaries increased by $10,405, healthcare costs by $35,000, and estimated salt and sand costs by $13,000. The budget committee requested an increase in diesel fuel expenses from $47,000 to $60,000 to account for higher purchase costs.

Paul then discussed possible warrant articles:

Possible paving of $93,000 on Karl Gordon Road.
Bridge replacement $139,000 for Washburn bridge.
New Chipper for $71,300 with a interest rate of 6.49 percent for a 5 year term.

Paul and George then discussed the Shem Valley Bridge and the Bridge on the road to the AMC lodge.

Mike Provost then discussed the Health Officer budget. There were no questions from the budget committee.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM by Steven Crane and seconded by Kevin Cassidy. Next meeting November 11, 2026.