

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Members Present

Wendy Barker, Chair
Pete Torosian, Vice Chair
Sam Butler
Deb Cornish
Bob Malo
Bill Smith
Dave Paquette, Selectmen Representative

Others Present

John Apple, Town Administrator

Agenda: Minutes, Warrant Articles Review

Administrator Apple provided the following:

- Updated **Dispatch Contract Line 42990.390.00** reduced from \$58,000 to \$53,900.
- Lengthy discussion regarding Budget Committee's process

Member Smith requested input from Administrator Apple to fill in blank Lines in the dollar amount column on the contract list submitted by the Budget Committee.

Warrant Articles

- **Atkinson Community Power**
 - No comments
- **Police Station Bond**
 - Discussions regarding how this would impact the 2024 Budget
- **Operating Budget**
 - No comments
- **Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary**
 - No comments
- **Supplemental PFAS Site Investigation**
 - The acronym, PFAS, should be defined: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl Substances
- **Shim and Overlay**
 - No comments
- **Elderly Exemption Income Limit**
 - No comments
- **Fire Department Security Upgrade**
 - No comments
- **Fire Department Staffing**
 - No comments
- **Fire Department Capital Reserve**

- No comments
- **Fire Department Command Vehicle**
 - Member Paquette stated that, if the previous Warrant Article fails, the verbiage on this article will change.
- **Default Budget**
 - This Article should be grammatically rewritten
- **Emergency Management Communication and Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund**
 - This Article should be grammatically rewritten
- **Dump Truck Lease Agreement**
 - No comments
- **Control Invasive Plants on Town Conservation Land**
 - No Comments

These Warrant Articles do not include Citizens' petitions which will be available in January.

Once the Selectmen go through the Warrant Articles and add dollar amounts, the Budget Committee will vote on them.

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Chair Barker made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended.

Vice Chair Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

Vice Chair Torosian made a motion to adjourn.

Member Malo seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

Next Budget Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2024

On January 4, 2024, further reviews of the budget.

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.