

TOWN OF ATKINSON  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

**Members Present**

**Others Present**

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

**Agenda:** Minutes, Budget Review

**Chair Barker** made a motion, due to weather, to continue the Public Hearing on Warrant Articles next week.

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

**Executive**

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Executive Total Budget of \$304,520.**

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

**Elections & Registrations**

**Member Butler** made a motion to accept the following changes:

- **Line 41401.110.00 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistants** increased from \$84,490 to \$91,700.
- **Line 41401.130.00 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary** increased from \$60,900 to \$66,800.
- **Line 41401.220.00 FICA** increased from \$9,014 to \$9,733.
- **Line 41401.225.00 Medicare** increased from \$2,108 to \$2,277.
- **Line 41401.230.00 Retirement** decreased from \$15,064 to \$14,835.
- **Line 41401.620.00 Office Supplies** increased from \$3,000 to \$4,700.
- **Line 41401.820.00 Mileage** decreased from \$2,086 to \$1,500.
- **Line 41401.850.00 Education/Conferences** decreased from \$2,285 to \$1,535

Revised Total is \$223,953

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

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Elections & Registrations Total Budget of \$260,165.**

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

**Financial Administration**

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Financial Administration Total Budget of \$374,829.**

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

#### Legal Services

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Legal Services Total Budget of \$36,200.**

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

#### Personnel Administration

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Personnel Administration Total Budget of \$53,171.**

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

#### Planning and Zoning

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Planning & Zoning Total Budget of \$75,982.**

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

#### General Government Buildings

**Chair Barker** made a motion to increase Line 41940.430.00 Repairs & Maintenance from \$80,000 to \$90,000.

**Member Butler** seconded the motion. Three members were in favor; four (Barker, Cornish, Smith, Torosian) were not in favor. **Vote: 3/4/0 Motion failed.**

**Chair Barker** made a motion to increase **Line 41940.820.00 Mileage** from 44,500 to \$4,800.

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

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **General Government Buildings Total Budget of \$268,623.**

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

#### Cemeteries

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Cemeteries Total Budget of \$126,243.**

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

#### Other Insurances

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Other Insurances Total Budget of \$91,517.**

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

#### Advertising and Regional

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Advertising & Regional Total Budget of \$7,547.**

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

#### Police Department

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Police Department Total Budget of \$1,573,166.**

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

#### Ambulance

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Ambulance Total Budget of \$130,000**  
**Member Cornish** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Fire Department

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Fire Department Total Budget of \$1,097,856.**  
**Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Building Inspections

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Building Inspections Total Budget of \$116,079.**  
**Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Emergency Management

**Chair Barker** made a motion to include Emergency Management.  
**Member Cornish** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Dispatch

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Dispatch Total Budget of \$53,900.**  
**Member Butler** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Public Works

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Public Works Total Budget of \$619,154.**  
**Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Street Lighting

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Street Lighting Total Budget of \$34,800.**  
**Member Smith** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Recycling

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Recycling Total Budget of \$70,952.**  
**Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Solid Waste

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Solid Waste Total Budget of \$587,002.**  
**Member Butler** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Animal Control

**Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Animal Control Total Budget of \$10,763.**  
**Member Butler** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**

#### Health Agencies

126 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Health Agencies Total Budget of \$8,186.**  
127 **Member Cornish** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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129 **General Assistance**  
130 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **General Assistance Total Budget of \$8,500.**  
131 **Member Cornish** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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133 **Elder Services**  
134 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Elder Services Total Budget of \$122,514.**  
135 **Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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137 **Recreation**  
138 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Recreation Total Budget of \$154,358.**  
139 **Member Butler** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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141 **Care of Grounds**  
142 **Vice Chair Torosian** made a motion to reduce **Line 45202.390.00 Other Professional Services** from  
143 \$92,000 to \$85,000.  
144 **Member Cornish** seconded the motion. Four members were in favor; three (Barker, Butler,  
145 Paquette) were not in favor. **Vote: 4/3/0**  
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147 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Care of Grounds Total Budget of \$130,532.**  
148 **Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. Six members were in favor; one (Butler) was not in favor.  
149 **Vote: 6/1/0**  
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151 **Library**  
152 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Library Total Budget of \$626,806.**  
153 **Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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155 **Patriotic Purposes**  
156 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Patriotic Purposes Total Budget of \$4,150.**  
157 **Member Cornish** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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159 **Cable Operations**  
160 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Cable Operations Total Budget of \$85,357.**  
161 **Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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163 **Conservation**  
164 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Conservation Total Budget of \$12,480.**  
165 **Member Cornish** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 7/0/0**  
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167 **Long Term Debt Principal**

168 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Long Term Debt Principal Total Budget of \$85,000.**

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

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171 [Long Term Debt Interest](#)

172 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **Long Term Debt Interest Total Budget of \$8,650.**

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

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175 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **2024 Total Budget of \$7,137,005.**

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

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178 **Chair Barker** made a motion to accept the **2024 Total Default Budget of \$6,752,232.**

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

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181 **Member Butler** stated that Ambulance was not in the Default Budget.

182 **Member Paquette** stated the Selectmen would find a way to fund it.

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184 [Minutes of 1/4/2024](#)

185 **Chair Barker** made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended.

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

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188 **Chair Barker** made a motion to recess, at 8:02 p.m., until next week.

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

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191 Next Budget Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2024

192 On January 16, 2024, the Committee will continue the Public Hearing reviewing Warrant Articles.

193 The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.