

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Atkinson Academy

Members Present

Bill Smith, Chair
Wendy Barker, Vice Chair
Ray Fournier
Bob Malo
Mark Sakakeeny
Peter Torosian

Others Present

David Paquette
Jim Garrity, Atkinson Town Moderator
About 30 Atkinson residents in Atkinson Academy Gym

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m., shortly after Deliberative Session concluded.

Chair Smith announced that questions had arisen about the how the ten percent rule worked. His understanding was the limit of amendments during Deliberative was 110% of the Budget Committee's pre-Deliberative, recommended Operating Budget total. Moderator Garrity said that was also his understanding.

Chair Smith introduced David Paquette, who stated his understanding that the limit was 110% of appropriations in all Warrants the Budget Committee recommended before Deliberative, thus affecting the total voters could approve at the March election.

Chair Smith stated that the details of the ten percent rule needed to be clarified before the Budget Committee reconsidered its Warrant recommendations, that he would contact the state Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) for clarification, that he would present the results at the previously-scheduled-and-posted, Tuesday February 8, 2022 Budget Committee meeting. He then made a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously.

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.