

**TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

Members Present

Wendy Barker, Chair
Peter Torosian, Vice Chair
Sam Butler
Bob Malo
Mark Sakakeeny
Bill Smith

Others Present

John Apple, Town Administrator
Dave Paquette, Selectmen Liaison

Agenda: Attendance, Minutes, Review Warrant Articles

Chair Barker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chair Barker took attendance.

Town Administrator Update

Administrator Apple stated that the BoS approved the budget for \$6,483,409.

- This is a 10.6% increase over last year
- This includes the 4% COLA increase
- Several areas were decreased for a total of \$130,000 in an effort to reduce the budget

Chair Barker requested that, when asking for a raise for an elected town official, it should be in a Warrant Article. This could make the difference as to whether the Committee would vote for or against the proposed BoS budget.

Warrant Articles

- Article #2023-XX Operating Budget
- Article #2023-XX Highway Shim and Overlay
 - **Roll call vote:** 7/0/0 Motion passed
- Article #2023-XX Police Vehicle Purchase
 - **Roll call vote:** 7/0/0 Motion passed
- Article #2023-XX Center School Lease and Occupancy
- Article #2023-XX Emergency Management Communication and Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund
 - **Roll call vote:** 3/3/1 Motion undecided
- Article #2023-XX Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund
 - **Roll call vote:** 5/2/0 Motion passed
- Article #2023-XX Fire Department Engine (Pumper) Replacement
 - **Roll call vote:** 7/0/0 Motion passed
- Article #2023-XX Fire Department Staffing (24/7 Coverage)
 - Not going to ballot
- Article #2023-XX Network Upgrades for Atkinson Community Television
 - **Roll call vote:** 7/0/0 Motion passed

Minutes for December 20, 2022

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

Member Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Chair Barker made a motion to adjourn.

Member Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Next Budget Committee Meeting: **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

On January 10, 2023, the Budget Committee will review entire budget.

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.