

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 10, 2023

Members Present

Wendy Barker, Chair
Pete Torosian, Vice Chair
Sam Butler
Taylor Haselton
Bob Malo
Bill Smith

Others Present

Dave Paquette, Selectmen Liaison
Angela Wesson, Ass't Town Administrator

Agenda: Attendance, New Acctg/Budget Worksheet, Minutes

Proposed New Worksheet

Member Smith explained the 2nd draft revised worksheet as follows:

- The proposed transition plans are:
 - To use the new account numbers in the Fall of 2023
 - The old account numbers need to be tracked to December 31, 2023.
 - Still working towards the old and new totals lines matching up

Comments:

Vice Chair Torosian prefers more detail rather than consolidation

Chair Barker said the detail would be provided by each department's presentation

- The Budget Committee requests each Department Head provide a minimum of two sentences regarding each budget line

Comments:

Chair Barker said the Budget Committee should decide on a consistent way

- While changes will be sent to both Member Smith and the Ass't Town Administrator, Member Smith proposes to maintain both the old and new versions
- The Budget Committee requests that the Ass't Town Administrator add more details
- As of January 1, 2024, the accounting software will need to be adjusted.

Comments:

Member Malo supports the new version

Chair Barker supports the new version and suggests the old version be used as reference for one year

Vice Chair Torosian supports the new version but needs more information

Member Butler supports the new version

Member Haselton supports the new version

Chair Barker made a motion to accept the new version of the worksheet.

Member Butler seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Liaison Reviews

Member Malo met with Noriko for the following:

Recreation: The Summer Program profited \$1,000.

Elder Services: running out of money for gas; expect to replace two vehicles in 2025; 142 trips were denied due to no cars being available; by 2025, another driver may be needed

Member Smith has spoken with Town Administrator Apple

Chair Barker has met with the Fire Department and plans on meeting with Acting Fire Chief Andrew Shafer

Vice Chair Torosian has not met with the Department Heads

Member Butler has met with the Library. No details yet. They are looking for wage increases for the staff

Member Haselton has not met with Paul; will meet with Sue Killam in 3 weeks; will be meeting with Dave soon.

Minutes of 7/11/2023

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

Member Butler seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/1**

Chair Barker made a motion to adjourn.

Member Butler seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Next Budget Committee Meeting: **TBD**

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.