

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Members Present

Others Present

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

Agenda: Attendance, Budget Review

Discussions, questions and/or concerns for the following budgets:

- Executive: 19.12% Increase
- Elections & Registration: 1.77% Decrease
- Financial Administration: 10.10% Increase
 - Concerns of laptops and scanning
- Legal Services: Flat
- Personnel Administration: No Increase
- Planning & Zoning: 3.37% Increase
- General Government Buildings: 12.11% Increase
 - Concerns of proposed estimate of \$100,000.00
- Cemeteries: Flat
- Other Insurance: No Increase
- Advertising Regional: 3.8% Increase
- Police Department: 9.15%
- Ambulance: 12999900.00% Increase
- Fire Department: 17.74% Increase
- Building Inspections: Flat
- Emergency Management: No increase
- Dispatch: Flat
 - Need contract update
- Public Works: 9.02% Increase
- Street Lighting: No increase
 - Concerns of why light bulbs are failing
- Recycling: 21.92%
 - Update on shed
- Solid Waste: 3.86% Increase
- Fire Hydrant: \$93,615 for water rate

- Animal Control: 9.98% Increase
- Health Agencies: 42.20% Decrease
 - **Chair Barker** made a motion for the removal of the following:
 - Acct. #44150.350.00 Family Mediation
 - Acct. #44150.350.07 Center for Life Management
 - Acct. #44150.350.09 Crisis Center/Pregnancy Care Center
 - Acct. #44150.350.11 Greater Salem Care Givers
 - **Member Butler** seconded the motion.
 - Six members were in favor; one abstained. **Vote: 6/0/1**
- General Assistance: 12.5% Increase
- Elder Services: 19.44% Increase
 - Selectman Paquette stated that a limit needs to set on spending
- Recreation: 24.61% Decrease
- Grounds Maintenance: No increase
 - Concerns that there is a potential for increase
- Library: 8.79% Increase
- Patriotic Purposes: 3.75% Increase
- Cable Operations: No increase
- Conservation: 24.6% Increase
- Long Term Debt Principle: No increase
- Long Term Debt Interest: 2.79% Decrease
- Total Budget: 10.41% Increase

Minutes

All Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

Member Smith made a motion to adjourn.

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

Next Budget Committee Meeting: October 24, 2023

On October 24, 2023, further budget adjustments will be made.

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.