

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

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Tim Crowley, Police Chief

**Agenda:** Attendance, Dept. Presentations, Liaison Reviews, Old/New Business, Minutes

**Department Presentations**

**Police Department**

**Tim Crowley**, Police Chief, provided the following preliminary budget increases:

- Most changes are contractual obligations
- There will be a full time hire
- Acct. # 42100.210.00: Health Insurance: \$140,122, 45.51%
- Acct. # 42100.320.00: Legal Services : \$18,329, 2.75%
- Acct. # 42100.190.01: Training: \$13,357 , 2.75%
- Acct. # 42100.850.00: Education and Training Supplies: \$6,000, 9.09%
- Acct. # 42100.190.00: Town Details: \$6,530, 2.75%

**Animal Control**

**Tim Crowley**, Police Chief, provided the following preliminary budget increases:

- The only change is \$995: \$10,963, 9.98%
- Acct. #44140.110.00: Requesting pay raise for Animal Control Officer

**Liaisons**

**Fire Department**

Chair Barkers spoke with the Interim Fire Chief regarding the following:

- Negotiations for a new contract with Plaistow
- There will be an increase for an ambulance contract: \$130,000
- \$2/hour salary increase for Fire Department in May and December
- Vehicle replacement plan for ambulance in 2028
- Staffing: add two more people to cut down response time
- The new Fire Chief will be hired as full time
- Radio replacements: ARPA will be helping to pay for them

Old/New Business

- Calendar updates for next week
  - Fire Department
  - Town Administrator
- October 17 and October 24 Budget Committee Meetings: Worksheets should be ready for the Selectmen's Budget
- January 9 is the Public Hearing Review
- Policy for Meeting Procedures: changes are anticipated and will vote with full Budget Committee membership

#### Minutes of 9/19/2023

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

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

#### Minutes of 9/26/2023

Approval of the Minutes is suspended until all corrections have been made.

**Chair Barker** made a motion to adjourn.

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

Next Budget Committee Meeting: October 10, 2023

On October 10, 2023, Department presentations will be for the Fire Department and Town Administration.

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:28p.m.