

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Members Present

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

Others Present

John Apple (by phone), Town Administrator
Kay Galloway
Karen Brown

Agenda: Attendance, Minutes, total budget review

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

Chair Barker took attendance.

Town Administrator

Administrator Apple stated the following:

- Regarding the Emergency Expenditure Request which is due on January 1, 2023, there is no clear line of what the annual amount is going to be going forward.
- The initial rate was ruled on in June 2022: 79 hydrants at \$1,185/hydrant; Lewis Builders will pay a portion in the first year only.
- The undesignated fund balance is a little over \$2.4 million.
- For updated information: puc.nh.gov, Search DW20-117
- More Info: Watch BOS meeting of 10/24/2022
- The Town of Hampstead will pay for ¼ of February's legal fees and ½ of March through June's legal fees which amounted to a total of \$7800.

Chair Barker suggests that the Committee watch the BOS meeting of 10/24/2022 and go through all the documents and resources available before signing or not signing the Request document next week.

General Government Buildings

The budget remains unchanged at a 3.27% reduction. No new vote is necessary.

Highway

The budget remains unchanged at a 9.64% increase. No new vote is necessary.

Street Lighting

The budget remains unchanged at a 31.76% decrease. No new vote is necessary.

Recycling/Solid Waste Disposal

The budget remains unchanged at 3.59% increase. No new vote is necessary.

Care of Grounds

The budget remains unchanged at 25.77% increase. No new vote is necessary.

Library

The budget remains unchanged at 7.98% increase. No new vote is necessary.

Minutes for October 18, 2022

Vice Chair Torosian made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended.

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. Motion was passed. **Vote: 5/0/1**

The **November 8** Budget Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to **November 10**.

Member Butler made a motion to adjourn.

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

Next Budget Committee Meeting: **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

On November 1, there will be reviews of the Police Dept., Animal Control, Town Administrator, and IT.

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.