

Town of Atkinson
Budget Committee
December 27, 2005

Attending: Mark Acciard-Chairman, Fred Thompson – Vice Chairman, Dave Paquette, James Blackadar, Marsha Bassi, Paul Tracy, and Jack Sapia.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. The first order of business was to review the minutes from the December 20, 2005 meeting. Fred motioned to accept the minutes as presented/Seconded by Jim/Unanimous.

The next order of business was to begin finalizing more budgets. The following budgets were finalized:

Account #	Description	Final Amount
4210	Police	\$742,326

Motion by Mark to segregate Lt. Baldwin's salary to its own line/Seconded by Marsha/Motion passed – Dave voted against.

Mark motioned to reduce outside detail to \$15K and eliminate the Community Service line/Seconded by Marsha/Motion failed.

Mark motioned to reduce Outside detail to \$15K/Seconded by Fred/Motion passed – Jim voted against.

Mark motioned to reduce Community Service line to Zero/Seconded by Marsha/after discussions, Mark withdrew his motion.

Mark motioned to remove the Community Service line/Seconded by Marsha/Motion failed.

Fred motioned to reduce Cruiser Gas to \$27K/Seconded by Dave/Motion passed.

Mark motioned to change the title of Cruiser Lease to New Cruiser Expense/Seconded by Marsha/Motion failed.

Mark motioned to reduce Cruiser Lease to \$22K/Motion died.

Jim motioned to final accept the Police budget at \$742,326/Seconded by Fred/Motion passed.

4215	Elderly Affairs	\$16,982
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Fred motioned to reduce gas to \$1,350/Seconded by Mark/Motion passed.
Dave motioned to final accept the Elderly affairs budget at \$16,982/Seconded by Fred/Motion passed – Marsha voted against.

4215.1	Ambulance	\$23,000
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Motion by Fred/Seconded by Dave/Motion passed

4220	Fire	\$322,051
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Motion by Fred/Seconded by Marsha/Motion passed.

4290	Homeland Security	\$150
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Motion by Fred/Seconded by Dave/Motion passed.

XXXX	Dispatch	\$31,500
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Motion by Fred/Seconded by Dave/Motion passed – Mark voted against.

4311 & 4312	Highway	Tabled
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4324	Solid Waste Disposal	Tabled
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4611	Conservation	\$5,545
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Motion by Fred to preliminarily accept a level funded budget from 2005 and allow the Department Head to come in the following week and provide justification for the proposed increases/Seconded by Dave/Motion passed.

4550	Library	\$281,445
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Dave motioned to reduce the Heat line to \$1,340/Seconded by Jim/Motion passes.
Mark motions to reduce Materials of Trade by \$10K/Motion withdrawn

Mark motioned to set the Materials of Trade line at \$25K/Seconded by Dave/Motion passes.

Mark motions to final accept the library budget at \$281,445/Seconded by Fred/Motion passes.

4140 Elections & Registration Tabled for Merit pay discussions.

During the meeting, the board was informed that the Board of Selectmen had established January 9, 2006 for the public hearing for the library bond. The bond amount will be \$2.3 million. The terms of the bond are not known at this time. Also, the Board was informed that the sealed bids for hot top had been opened and the rate will be \$43.70 per ton, which is less than budgeted. Lastly, The town administrator provided additional information concerning the time phasing of computers. He stated that 6 of the 9 computers at the town hall share the same software while the remaining 3 use a different platform and software.

Marsha motioned to adjourn the meeting/Seconded by Jim/Meeting adjourned at 10:53 PM.

Respectively submitted,
kjb