

## Atkinson Budget Committee Workshop Minutes August 4, 2015

**Attendees:** Wendy Barker, Vice-Chair  
Sue Carroll  
Kay Galloway  
Tom Mealey  
Harold Morse – Selectmens' Liaison to Budget Committee  
Peter Torosian  
Bill Smith, Chairman

- Meeting opened approximately 7:00 PM.

- Previous 5/5/15 minutes were approved unanimously.

- Kay said that the town used to have a fuel tank, but it had been removed because of misuse. Harold said Bill Innes was investigating. Sue had heard from Jean that Mobil was actually 12 cents cheaper than the current supplier (including adjustments for driving there and rebates). Mobil is reportedly good at tracking. Plaistow has been using Cumberland Farms for years. Peter will make some calls and investigate.

- A recent Expenses report was examined. Looking at p. 6, Wendy asked if Workmens' Compensation will sync at the end of the year; Harold will look into it. Elderly Services is reportedly overspent by \$15,000. There are 2 donation accounts now. Page 6 shows some Senior donations. Page 11 shows Community Center donations. Snow and Ice removal is overspent. Some unexpected Legal revenue may cover some of the overspending. Bill will email the latest July revenues to everybody. Kay said ACTV is at 53%, having purchased more equipment, and that Ted Stewart did a lot of road work and is working on a new master plan. Landfill is at 54%, Recycling at 61%. Wendy mentioned that Northside complaints are up.

- Tom spoke with the Tax Collector. The Town Clerk had to buy a \$300 cash register because the repair service would not fix the old one (she found a new vendor) and previously saved \$6000 on file cabinets. Rose will put in a request for a staff salary increase. Rose asked in a letter if a warrant was needed. Harold said probably not, according to the town attorney, because the budget is its own warrant. The Selectmen are being asked if they could give a raise. Rose got a reply from DRA, which was sent to the Selectmen today; they have not discussed it yet. The Tax Collector would also like a raise--Selectmen can reportedly do it.

- Sue reported that Jean had said the Elderly Services budget request may be flat, and that they are working on fundraising, including mailings to small businesses, elderly residents, and car dealerships. The Police budget request may also stay flat. Elderly Services reportedly got a 501(c)3. Tom said it's excellent that Police and Elderly Services are separated. A short form 501(c)3 application can be used for a fast track--maybe that was done and worked.

- Meeting adjourned approximately 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Smith