

## Atkinson Budget Committee Workshop Minutes September 5, 2017

**Attendees:** Wendy Barker  
Sue Carroll  
Jason Grosky -- Selectmens' Liaison to Budget Committee  
Bob Malo  
Bill Smith  
Peter Torosian  
Bob Worden

**Guests:** Alan Phair, Town Administrator  
Barbara Snicer

- Meeting opened approximately 7:33 PM.
- Previous minutes from August 29, 2017 were approved as corrected (6/0/1).
- Discussion continued from last week, concerning possible Budget Committee signoff on two Emergency Expenditure requests.
- Alan said a Public Adjustor had given a free evaluation of the Fire Department building water damage. The adjustor saw on the parking lot side that the sheeting was completely rotted through to the studs. The adjustor had asked the insurance company for more money. As to where exactly the damage was seen, Alan indicated that, on the front side, during drilling into the wall for a sign repair, the screws went all the way through; on the parking lot side, damage was in the 2 spots where siding blew off, and around windows, where water seeped around trim.
- Peter suggested non-invasive checking should be possible (without fully removing siding) to evaluate the extent of the damage. When a pipe had burst last year, there was rot the length of a room on 2 interior walls. Peter noted that during his visit to the Fire House last week with Bob Malo and Bill Smith, Dave Weymouth had indicated that there had been a problem from day one around the gable, but it was very limited damage, and there was no indication of exactly where the water was coming from. Barbara mentioned that the roof had been replaced, but Alan said the adjustor did not think the roof was the root cause. Bob Malo agreed that a roof leak would not cause this damage.
- Jason made a motion (Bill Smith seconded) concerning the other proposed Emergency Expenditure request, "That the Budget Committee approves asking DRA to authorize an emergency over expenditure to not exceed \$26,000 from the undesignated fund balance due to unexpected costs brought on by accelerated growth in building development, an amount actually offset by extra building fee revenue." This passed 7/0/0.
- After a 5-minute recess Jason made another motion concerning \$88,000 for Fire House repair, but after further discussion, where Bill and others advocated first getting a more-detailed evaluation from a professional engineer, the motion was withdrawn.
- It was agreed that Alan would seek a professional engineer to evaluate the Fire House damage and produce a written report, including the extent of the damage (which sides of the building and how much on each side), the root cause(s), and whether the root cause(s) are already fixed or still present. After reviewing the written report, the Budget Committee will reconsider the \$90,000 Fire House damage Emergency Expenditure request.
- The Budget Committee agreed the issue could be discussed further at the first regularly-scheduled Budget Committee meeting, Tuesday, September 19, at 7:30 PM.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Smith