

Atkinson Budget Committee Minutes October 2, 2018

Attendees: Wendy Barker - Vice-Chair
Sue Carroll
Bill Smith - Chairman
Peter Torosian
Bob Worden

Alan Phair - Town Administrator
Sue Coppetta - Planning & Zoning, Zoning Appeals, and
Building Inspections

- Meeting opened 7:30 PM.
- Wendy said that Community Center Telephone line 45208.341.00 (really should be "Telephone, Internet, & Cable") has been over-expended for years, and should be proposed \$2300 (instead of the currently-proposed \$2000).
- Wendy also noted that spreadsheet Recreation line 45201.890.00 Contract Labor/Equipment shows incorrect blanks for most prior years' expense amounts (that really were non-zero spent amounts). Bill Smith took an action item to debug and fix spreadsheet formula(s).
- Sue Coppetta presented Planning & Zoning, Zoning Appeals, and Building Inspections proposed lines, including minimal increases on six lines, related to a lot of new construction in town, some uncontrollable expenses (postage and recording clerk), and Selectmens' planned 2.5% COLA raises for employees (including Code Enforcement Officer). She noted that the postage and recording clerk lines had been reduced last year by the Budget Committee by small amounts and ended up over-expended, and that her departments' expenses are reimbursed by construction-related revenue (as opposed to existing-property taxes).
- Alan noted there are 2859 residential households in town (answering a previously-posed question and thus fulfilling an action item on the Action Items list).
- Peter and Wendy did not get yesterday's Budget Committee emails. Bill will resend and investigate.
- Wendy presented draft improved version of building maintenance budget spreadsheet, more in-sync with main Budget Committee spreadsheet.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Smith