

Minutes of the Budget Committee meeting on 5 August 2019.

Attendance: Dave Percival, Scott Vaitones, Crystal Tarjick, Richard Cohen, Brian Higley, Liz May, Susy Ellis, Terri Baines and Gerry Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:04

Election of chair-person and note taker for the current budget year:

Susy Ellis nominated for chair by Scott and seconded by Richard. Elected.

Crystal Tarjick nominated for notes by Crystal and seconded by all. Elected.

Many thanks to Dave Percival for his service.

Review of the year end finances:

In Town Office, Property Maintenance overage is carried forward. The overage in the software license is a one-time fee for an update. Terri will examine the office expense account with us.

In Select Board and in Planning: No questions. The Conservation Commission money carries forward.

Fire Department: Underspending in EMD staff is due to smaller than expected call for service. FD equipment purchase, FD personal equipment and FD backstairs are all carried forward. We inquired about the burn building status and funding. The money the town has set aside is in a dedicated account in the Firemen's Association funding. The Association has about \$500K to spend and the bids for the building came in well over that so they are re-designing and re-bidding.

Animal Control: no questions

Roads and Property Management: We are still looking into the large overspend in contract services. Tim believes it is a road repair bill from two years ago that has already posted revenue reimbursement by the federal government. Resurfacing money remaining will be carried forward. Terri will look at the cemetery expenses for mowing and maintenance.

Solid Waste, General Assistance, Social Services: no questions. Some discussion.

Recreation: looked at property management to see if that line is needed. Tim says yes for buildings that are shared. We wondered what projects are complete and what's coming. We will ask recreation director, Ben Vail.

Harbors: the overpayment in the debt payment line was covered by revenue according to Terri and Tim. The line for 10CSR renovation is not carried forward and the line for 10CSR D & P is carried forward. Gerry asked about consistency and Tim will research.

Unclassified: the Island Institute fellow left prior to the budget year's start.

Revenue: Homestead reimbursement was over-budgeted. No additional funds are expected. Terri will let us know what's in the miscellaneous line.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 with a motion from Liz and seconded by Richard.

Many thanks to Terri for her help!