

ST. GEORGE BUDGET COMMITTEE
St. George Town Office
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2019

The Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Elizabeth.
Members present were: Dave Percival, Scott Vaitones, Crystal Tarjick, Richard Cohen, Brian Higley, Liz May, Susy Ellis, Terri Baines and Gerry Hall.

Changes/Additions to Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dave Percival to accept meeting minutes from August 5. Crystal Tarjick seconded.
All in favor.

Discussion of Needs of Town regarding Sea Level Rise

Richard Cohen attended a Sea Level Rise meeting, and from a report that was generated, 43 houses that are in the 10 year flood over. Roads in low lying areas will be inaccessible to emergency services. The studies show 2 feet of water rise in 20 years.

There is a meeting on November 14, open to the public and the budget committee is welcome to come and show support. It is being put on by the Conservation Committee, Select Board, Planning Board and Island Institute. It seems as though they would like someone from the budget committee as a representative. Richard Cohen will go as representative.

Motion to participate in the sea level rise discussion by Susy Ellis, 2nd by Elizabeth May. All in favor.

Discussion of Needs of Town regarding properties removed from Tax rolls

Scott Vaitones presented information regarding the town's tax acquired property. Overall the town isn't losing a lot of money to the tax acquired properties as opposed to properties that the town uses daily, like the school, emergency services, etc.

Jerry Hall explained that when properties are tax acquired, the town tries to work with the owner to provide them with the opportunity to get things back to normal and reclaim the property.

Gerry Select Board Request for Budget Committee

The Select Board requests that the budget committee reach out to the social services that provide to this town and find out more information regarding how they effect this town and what they actually provide for us. Many businesses request money and the Select Board would like to do some research before budget time to determine what services are provided and how they affect the community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal L. Tarjick
Recording Secretary