

**St George Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2021**

**Members:**

**Susan Ellis, Chair -Present**  
**Richard Cohen – Not Present**  
**Scott Vaitones, Secretary-Present**  
**David Percival, Present**  
**Elizabeth May– Not Present**  
**Chris Williamson, Present**  
**Others present**  
**Irene Ames- Finance Director - Present**  
**Jerry Hall - Present**

**Motion by Susy Ellis to approve April 26, 2021 minutes and  
seconded by David Percival all Present voting to approve**

**Reviewed all accounts by Department**

**Under Revenues: Is the misc. income in the Town Office section Covid related?**

The bulk of the misc. income for 2020 was a COVID reimbursement from FEMA for \$18,115.33. The rest was a dividend check for \$2530 from MMA for Workers Comp and Prop & Casualty, Maine Coast Heritage Trust sent \$800 in lieu of property taxes, \$515 was for Refuge Revenue Sharing(US Fish & Wildlife) and \$24 from the Blue Tulip but I'm not sure what it was for.

**Town Office**

**Insurance – We have budgeted the same amount as last year. Is this the cost overrun a one-time event or are we under-budgeted?** Yes, the property insurance was pre-paid in June.

**Voting booths: Have they been ordered?** They have been purchased and paid by a grant.

**When will the Town roof cost be paid?** ½ of the Town Office Roof will be done over two years

**Select Board / Assessors**

No questions

**Planning**

No questions

**Fire Department**

**Benefits and staffing are quite low. Are they related and is this because we just didn't have many fires last year?** Few fires and less training.

**Equipment purchases: Why were these not made?** The air packs have not been available.

**Generator: Why not purchased?** Will be spread over two years.

**Property maintenance was over.** Some roof damage at Tenants Harbor station.

## **Animal Control**

No questions

## **Roads/Property Mgt.**

**Contracted services: Why so low?** It is made up of several contractors and not that much needed.

**Where do we stand with road resurfacing?** There will be a carry forward and more paving to be done.

## **Solid Waste:**

### **How is disposal different from demo waste?**

Demo is all building materials. Disposal is a catch-all where fees get posted from the transfer station if there was no designation as to the type of materials.

**Tipping fees and transportation are almost 25% over budget. This year's budget is much closer. How was the overrun in Solid Waste covered? There will be under runs in other accounts at the Transfer Station that will off-set this.**

## **General Assistance**

No questions

## **Soc/Community Services**

No questions

## **Recreation**

No questions

## **Harbors: How many businesses are currently renting at Cold Storage? Is there additional room?**

There is room for more use, but waiting for construction start which will impact the area.

**Floats and landings and channel maintenance are both underspent. Is this due to timing or are we behind in maintenance?** A lot done last year and not that much needed. Three floats will be built for this year.

## **Unclassified**

**Overlay: Why not funded?** This gets set when taxes are generated.

Budget Committee approved on January 24, 2022.

Scott Vaitones

Secretary, St. George Town Budget Committee