

St. George Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday March 5, 2018

Present: Scott Vaitones, Susy Ellis, Richard Cohen, Dave Percival

Missing: Liz May, Earl Ludman

A short meeting was held after the regular Select Board meeting upstairs in the lobby. The meeting convened at 7:07.

The purpose of the meeting was to come to a decision on two Conservation Commission matters which the Committee's position differed from that of the Select Board.

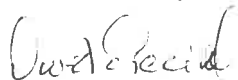
-The first issue involved the Board's decision to fully fund (\$13,350) the Meadowbrook parking and kiosk project versus the Budget Committee's position of paring down the funding to \$9000. After considering the Conservation Commission's argument that a grant would be more likely with full financial support from the Town, the Budget Committee reconsidered and voted to support the Select Board's position. It is anticipated that the grant would bring Town funding to \$9000.

- The second issue pertained to financially supporting the Maine Coast Heritage Trust and their purchase of Clark Island. The Select Board's plan of providing \$10,000 over 10 years initially differed from the Committee's recommendation of \$7500. After a short review of the matter, Susy and the other members agreed to go along with \$10,000 with the understanding that in a year it would be again discussed as to its merit.

The whole exercise on the part of the Budget Committee in the review of the Conservation Commission's requests was to make sure that the Town was taking a hard look at these and all expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Respectfully Submitted



David Percival
Secretary