

St. George Budgets Committee Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:05. Present: Earl Ludman, Liz May, Richard Cohen, Scott Vaitones, Susy Ellis, Dave Percival

Also in attendance: Jerry Hall, Elizabeth Curtis

1. Discussion on minutes of March 27, 2018.

After studying the relationship in pay increases, Earl stated it was better to base increases on the CPI rather than COLA. He recommended that this procedure be implemented in the FY 2019-2020 Budget Year. This matter was inserted in the March 27 minutes as a correction. Earl and Scott will determine the CPI to be used.

Changes to the previous vote by the committee: It was decided that the vote was to stand as is regarding 10 Cold Storage since it is too late to change.

All members were in favor of the above positions.

2. Discussion on FY 2018-2019 3rd Quarter Budget:

***Town Office:**

Professional Services: Elizabeth gave a breakdown of those expenses, mostly legal fees. Earl questioned whether these expenses could have been better projected and Elizabeth indicated that this was not possible.

Property Maintenance: Susy questioned these figures. (Elizabeth replied in a follow-up that the figure was high because of improvements to the Juniper Street property. Weekly cleaning expenses are also included in this account)

* Select Board: Assessor Agent-Why was money not spent. Elizabeth --usually money is spent first of FY year.

Susy-why are secretary expenses so high? Secretary is very thorough; takes copious notes!

***Fire Department**

Equipment purchases: The rationale for the purchase of equipment is that the Department usually waits until the end of the FY to buy. If there have been many fire, etc. then they don't have enough money to buy.

Utilities includes oil and comparable liquids.

***Roads and Property Management**

Contractor Services: Unexpected expenses at end of year caused the over budget position.

Salt and Sand Shed- may not spend the allocated funds this year for paving.

Painting/Signs(Elizabeth answered a question stating that the Town purchased UChannels for \$1300 which can be used for future signs).

***Solid Waste:** Monies are available in the Equipment Reserve for the compactor.

***Recreation:**

Ballfield improvement: Money not spent because volunteers did the needed work. Money left over was used to replace a merry-go-round for the Port Clyde ballfield.

***Harbors:** 10 Cold Storage has money remaining in planning and renovation that may still be used.

***Unclassified:** 38 Main Street; monies are to be spent in 4th Quarter to replace decks and do painting.

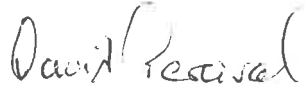
***Review of Revenue stream:** Elizabeth stated that the reason for the negative number is that money was put in the wrong account. The costs came from credit card expenses.

***Question on Cold Storage rental.** It was for use of the Island Transporter.

***Earl** asked why plumbing fees had declined. Tim stated it was hard to get a good estimate.

Scott recommended that we adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard. Meeting adjourned at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Percival". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'D'.

David Percival