



**TOWN OFFICE**  
**15 School Street**  
**Rangeley, Maine 04970**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Cynthia Egan, Chairman  
Shelly Lowell, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Beauregard  
James Higgins  
Catherine Johnson  
Colin Madrid  
Ethna Thompson

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March 06, 2025  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

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Board Members: Cynthia Egan, Shelly Lowell, Mark Beauregard, James Higgins, Colin Madrid, Ethna Thompson. (C. Johnson absent)

Staff: Marti Belt, Joe Roach

*Please see sign in sheet for public attendees if any*

1. Open the Meeting – 5:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
4. Approve Meeting Minutes
  - Mark Beauregard motion to accept March 04, 2025, meeting minutes as written
  - Ethna Thompson second **Vote 5-0-1 (S. Lowell abstained)**
5. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
6. Correspondence - None
7. Old Business
  - Mark Beauregard amended motion: Budget Committee recommendation for Oquossoc Comfort Station is **\$17,018.00**.
  - Jim Higgins second. **Vote 6-0**
8. New Business
  - Formulate Total Recommendations to Board of Selectmen for Each Account
    - a. Selectmen
    - b. Administration
    - c. Assessing – *Recommendation amount is \$81,505.00 (Voted 02/25/25)*
    - d. Finance
    - e. Planning
    - f. Town Office - *Recommendation amount is \$117,944.00 (Voted 02/27/25)*
    - g. Public Safety Building
      - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$53,210.00.**
      - Jim Higgins second. **Vote 5-0-1 (M. Beauregard abstained)**
    - h. Town Clerk
    - i. Property/Casualty – *Recommendation amount is \$73,754.00 (Voted 02/27/25)*
    - j. Fire/Rescue
      - Ethna Thompson motion to reduce 015-01-35-10 from \$1,000.00 to \$990.00
      - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 5-1**
    - k. Police
      - Jim Higgins motion to reduce 015-02-01-02 from \$264,440.00 to \$261,600.00
      - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**
      - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 015-02-01-04 from \$87,329.00 to \$60,000.00
      - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 3-3 (motion failed)**
      - Jim Higgins motion to reduce 015-02-01-04 from \$87,329.00 to \$75,979.00
      - Colin Madrid second. **Vote 4-2**

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- Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 015-02-15-09 from \$3,000.00 to \$2,000.00
  - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 4-2**
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 015-02-15-10 from \$3,500.00 to \$2,500.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 4-2**
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 015-02-15-11 from \$3,500.00 to \$2,500.00
  - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 4-2**
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 015-02-35-10 from \$1,000.00 to \$990.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 5-1**
- l. Animal Control – *Recommendation amount is \$7,754.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
- m. EMS - *Recommendation amount is \$151,297.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
- n. Fire Hydrants - *Recommendation amount is \$161,989.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
- o. Health Officer
- Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 015-06-10-02 from \$400.00 to \$100.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 4-2**
  - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$4,541.00**
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 4-2**
- p. Highway
- Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 020-01-10-04 from \$500.00 to \$300.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 020-01-15-02 from \$200.00 to \$100.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 020-01-25-05 from \$2,500.00 to \$1,500.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$861,316.00**
  - Colin Madrid second. **Vote 6-0**
- q. Sewer
- Ethna Thompson motion to reduce 020-02-25-03 from \$5,000.00 to \$3,000.00
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$503,604.00**
  - Colin Madrid second. **Vote 6-0**
- r. Transfer Station
- Ethna Thompson motion to reduce 020-03-35-18 from \$1,700.00 to \$0.00
  - Colin Madrid second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Jim Higgins motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$529,178.00**
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 6-0**
- s. Airport
- Mark Beauregard motion to reduce 020-04-01-01 from \$15,600.00 to \$4,110.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 4-2**
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 020-04-15-11 from \$150.00 to \$50.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Mark Beauregard motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$45,556.00**
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 5-1**
- t. Parks & Recreation
- Mark Beauregard motion to reduce 020-05-01-01 from \$60,008.00 to \$57,049.00
  - Cyndy Egan second. **Vote 4-2**
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 020-05-10-03 from \$200.00 to \$120.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**

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- Request to factor in rental & mileage to replace Capital Purchase (van)
- u. Cemetery
  - Ethna Thompson motion to reduce 020-06-25-17 from \$1,500.00 to \$0.00
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 4-2**
  - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$35,653.00**
  - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 6-0**
- v. Comfort Stations:
  - *Recommendation amount: Rangeley Comfort Station is \$20,533.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
  - *Recommendation amount: Oquossoc Comfort Station is \$17,018.00 (amended vote 03/06/25)*
- w. Culture
  - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 025-01-60-02 from \$9,765.00 to \$1,600.00
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Ethna Thompson motion to spend \$8,165.00 from Downtown Revitalization Reserve.
  - Colin Madrid second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$15,550.00**
  - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 6-0**
- x. General Assistance – *Recommendation amount is \$2,000.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
- y. Municipal Infrastructure
  - Jim Higgins motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$35,900.00**
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**
- z. Capital Purchases
  - Mark Beauregard motion to reduce 058-01-40-04 from \$61,000.00 to \$0.00
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$175,560.00**
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 6-0**
- aa. Transfers Out (Capital Reserve)
  - Jim Higgins motion: Budget Committee recommendation is **\$380,000.00**
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Jim Higgins motion to increase 060-01-65-04 from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00
  - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Jim Higgins amended motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$455,000.00**
  - Colin Madrid second. **Vote 6-0**
- bb. Transfers Out (Health Ride) – *Recommendation amount is \$5,600.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
- cc. Transfers Out (Debt Fund)
  - Colin Madrid motion to reduce 060-03-65-31 from \$69,350.00 to \$0.00
  - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 6-0**
  - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$203,967.00**
  - Colin Madrid second. **Vote 6-0**
- 9. Next Meeting – March 10, 2025, at 4:30 PM
- 10. Adjourn Meeting
  - Mark Beauregard motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM
  - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 6-0**