



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

March 10, 2025
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Staff: Marti Belt, Joe Roach

Please see sign in sheet for public attendees if any

1. Open the Meeting – 4:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
4. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - Mark Beauregard motion to accept March 06, 2025, meeting minutes as written
 - Ethna Thompson second **Vote 5-0**
5. Adjustments to the Agenda - None
6. Correspondence – Letter of explanation from Parks & Recreation director regarding Capital Purchase (van)
7. Old Business - None
8. New Business
 - Formulate Total Recommendations to Board of Selectmen for Each Account
 - a. Selectmen
 - Mark Beauregard motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$82,965.00**
 - Jim Higgins second. **Vote 5-0**
 - b. Administration
 - Ethna Thompson motion to reduce 010-02-01-10 from \$5,000.00 to \$0.00
 - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 5-0**
 - Mark Beauregard motion to reduce 010-02-010-01 from \$191,893.00 to \$186,505.00 (reflecting Asst. Town Manager salary reduction to \$80106.00).
 - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 5-0**
 - Mark Beauregard motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$300,853.00**
 - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 5-0**
 - c. Assessing – *Recommendation amount is \$81,505.00 (Voted 02/25/25)*
 - d. Finance
 - Shelly Lowell motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$158,181.00**
 - Jim Higgins second. **Vote 5-0**
 - e. Planning
 - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 010-05-01-01 from \$73,051.00 to \$66,747.00
 - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 4-1**
 - Mark Beauregard motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$206,314.00**
 - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 4-1**
 - f. Town Office - *Recommendation amount is \$117,944.00 (Voted 02/27/25)*
 - g. Public Safety Building – *Recommendation amount is \$53,210.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
 - h. Town Clerk

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- Mark Beauregard motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$105,486.00**
- Jim Higgins second. **Vote 5-0**
- i. Property/Casualty – *Recommendation amount is \$73,754.00 (Voted 02/27/25)*
- j. Fire/Rescue
 - Ethna Thompson motion to reduce 015-01-01-01 from \$93,164.00 to \$90,002.00
 - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 4-1**
 - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$451,120.00**
 - Mark Beauregard second. **Vote 4-1**
- k. Police
 - Shelly Lowell motion to reduce 015-02-01-01 from \$103,501.00 to \$100,007.00
 - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 4-1**
 - Shelly Lowell motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$705,944.00**
 - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 4-1**
- 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 - *Recommendation amount is \$ 4,541.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- p. Highway - *Recommendation amount is \$861,316.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- q. Sewer - *Recommendation amount is \$503,604.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- r. Transfer Station - *Recommendation amount is \$529,178.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- s. Airport - *Recommendation amount is \$45,556.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- t. Parks & Recreation
 - Mark Beauregard motion to increase 020-05-15-17 from \$22,265.00 to \$25,765.00
 - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 5-0**
 - Ethna Thompson motion: **Budget Committee recommendation is \$307,915.00**
 - Shelly Lowell second. **Vote 4-1**
- u. Cemetery – *Recommendation amount is \$35,653.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- 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 – *Recommendation amount is \$15,550.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- x. General Assistance – *Recommendation amount is \$2,000.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
- y. Municipal Infrastructure - *Recommendation amount is \$35,900.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- z. Capital Purchases – *Recommendation amount is \$175,560.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- aa. Transfers Out (Capital Reserve) – *Recommendation amount is \$455,000.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- bb. Transfers Out (Health Ride) – *Recommendation amount is \$5,600.00 (Voted 03/04/25)*
- cc. Transfers Out (Debt Fund) – *Recommendation amount is \$203,967.00 (Voted 03/06/25)*
- 9. Next Meeting – March 11, 2025, 5:00 PM: Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen to Deliver Final Recommendations
- 10. Adjourn Meeting
 - Mark Beauregard motion to adjourn at 6:03 PM
 - Ethna Thompson second. **Vote 5-0**

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