

Pownal Budget Committee

Mallett Hall

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2019

7:00 PM

Members present: Chairman Wyatt, Kim Best, John Green, Casey Karlsen, Andrew O'Brien and Brian Stornelli

Members absent: none

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. All six committee members were present and a quorum was established.

Minutes from previous meeting: The minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, with two changes. The changes were to correct a misspelled last name and under the solid waste budget paragraph, replace "level out expenditures" with "cover the increased costs incurred by Ecomaine."

Public comment: None.

Selectmen comment: See below.

Budget Committee Recommendations:

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$153,000 for the Capital Projects Fund.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$305,982 for General Government.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$9,850 for Human Services.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$21,977 for Town Hall Maintenance.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$730,097 for Public Works.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$128,248 for Public Safety.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$105,170 for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,000 for the Cemetery Commission.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,150 for Pownal Center Water Association.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed with one absentia, recommending that the Town raise and appropriate \$350,509 for Debt Service.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously recommending that the Town take \$20,000 from surplus for the Property Tax Relief Program. During earlier discussion, Selectman Morris had explained the nuances and reasoning of using surplus funds for this program last year.

The committee made no recommendation on the issue of transition of the public safety dispatch services as a second viewing of that issue has not been presented.

The above recommendations, if all were to pass at the Town Meeting, would result in a 3.25% increase to the municipal budget.

Budget Committee Report: Andy Wyatt provided the committee with a draft of the narrative report for the Town Report and it was agreed to review and edit that document over the next few weeks.

Other Discussion: None.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM (tentative) to determine the rolls within the committee, schedule and kick off a new budget review cycle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Green

Committee Secretary