

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

The Budget Committee met on Monday, December 9, 2024 in the Auditorium at the Fairlee Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Richard Kenney.

Present were Budget Committee Members Richard Kenny, Dan Ludwig, Adam Stewart (arrived at 5:45pm), Jessica Chase, Finance Manager, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk

Richard Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Dan Ludwig nominated Richard Kenney as Budget Committee Chair for 2024-2025. Richard Kenney seconded the nomination. Unanimously approved.

Review of the 2025 Draft Budget with “As of 12/03/2024 Actuals”.

Questions to review and discuss with the Selectboard:

Summary Budget: 15.50% increase over last year. New Fire Truck and Police Cruiser

Admin: Grant Writing and Communication line items.

Cemetery: Mowing Contract Increase

Community Organizations: Explain who the Public Health Council are.

Emergency Services: Septic pumping increase.

Fire & Rescue: Increase in unanticipated equipment breakdown and building repairs

Highway: No Better Roads Grant, HSIP Grant moved to 2025, Emergency Fund Grant, Winter Roads last increase in 2020, Summer Roadside Mowing Contractor not good.

Information Technology & Equipment: decrease from last year.

Library: Maintenance Contractor no more handyman.

Listers: Reappraisal Reserve Fund for 2024.

Police: New Admin position, possible purchase of new police cruiser.

Railroad Station: Bus Shelter.

Recreation Council: Swimming lessons.

Town Hall & Parks: Tree work on the town common.

Trash & Recycling: 117% contract increase

Zoning: Permit fee revenue up, Municipal Planning Grant.

The Budget Committee did not review the 2025 Capital Budget at this meeting.

Richard Kenney adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm. The Budget Committee then met with the Selectboard at 6:30pm.

Attest: Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Budget Committee Clerk
Minutes approved by the Budget Committee on 1/23/2025