

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes 4-10-19

Meeting called to order 7:00pm by Sandy Cloutier.

Attendance: Todd Delaney, Sandy Cloutier, and Tim Goodwin
Councilor Nesbitt was also in attendance.

Delaney noted that all prior budget/counsel conversation meetings were attended by Delaney and Cloutier who brought forth any questions or concerns as each department was reviewed. He asked the committee if there were any additional concerns we would like to discuss.

Cloutier brought forth concerns and clarification in the areas of General Administration to evaluate if further reductions were an option. The committee discussed the areas of telephone and travel and had no further concerns or questions on the budget amounts as presented.

Cloutier questioned the process around the hiring of a full time IT person, what impact that will have on the reduction budgeted amount to the outsourcing of IT, and what future costs the town will incur to retain (salary and benefits) and maintain the appropriate education to remain relevant in the field. Cloutier will reach out to the Finance Director to obtain a job description and other information to review at the next meeting.

Goodwin had questions around the COLA rate relative to last years concerns where focus was placed on aligning town salaries to become more competitive with the surrounding markets. Cloutier will request the salary comparative data to review at the next meeting.

Committee members were in attendance at all previous council budget workshops. There were no other questions or concerns on the remaining budget items.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next Budget review meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 in the council chambers at the Standish Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Cloutier