

Budget Committee Meeting  
April 13, 2017

Attendance: Roland Cloutier, Timothy Goodwin, Peter Starstecki, Katherine Post, Martha Hurd-Call, Philip Pomerleau, Ellen Kasprzyk,

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business was to elect officers for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Committee.

Officers elected: Roland Cloutier, Chairperson  
Ellen Kasprzyk, Vice Chairperson  
Katherine Post, Secretary

Future Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm  
Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm  
Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm – if necessary

Timothy Goodwin filed a Freedom of Information petition to receive salary and benefit information for all Town of Standish employees. This information will be available to him on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. The Budget Committee asked the Chairperson, Roland Cloutier, to request the Town of Standish share this information with all Budget Committee members. Therefore, the Budget Committee will not vote to approve any Department Budget requests tonight. We will review all items, not salary related, in the Department Budget requests and save the full Departmental approvals until the salary information is available for review.

Budget Review of Departments:

Assessing:

There was discussion regarding whether the Vision Software annual licensing has been paid yet.. Requested Roland Cloutier to ask when this expense will be incurred.. We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our questions.

Code Enforcement:

There was a motion made and seconded to remove \$100 for miscellaneous dues. – vote – 6 – 1, motion passed.  
There was a motion made and seconded to reduce the consulting fees from \$5,000 to \$2,000 – vote 4 – 3 – motion passed.  
Requested Roland Cloutier to ask about the \$500 Watchic Lake testing. Is the Town of Standish still obligated to test the waters at Kiwanis Beach if our Recreation Program will not be using the beach this summer? Also – is the \$500 the full cost of this testing or is this split with another party?  
There was a motion made and seconded to remove the \$800 for the new State codebooks. This line item has been in the budget each year, but not expended because the State of Maine has not printed new codebooks. Vote – 6 – 1 motion passed.  
We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our question.

General Admin:

There was a motion made and seconded to reduce Dues and Subscriptions by \$100 – vote 4 – 3 – motion passed.

There was discussion why the budgeted amount to print Town Reports was doubled. Requested Roland Cloutier to ask why.

We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our question.

Cable Television:

Requested Roland Cloutier to ask why the cost to video 15 Planning Board meetings is the same as the cost to video 6 Appeals board meetings.

We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our question.

Town Council:

A motion was made and seconded to remove the Fryeburg Visitors Center Light box rental of \$350. This light box was eliminated a year ago. – vote - 7 – 0 – motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to remove the 113 Corridor Commission of \$1,000, since this all towns are no longer participating. – vote - 7 – 0 – motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to reduce the Contingency to \$8,000. Vote – 5 – 2 – motion passed.

Town Clerk:

Requested Roland Cloutier to ask for clarification of the Contractual portion of this budget. FY16 expenses were significantly less than budgeted. FY17 (a Presidential election year) has thus far expended only 35% of the amount budgeted.

A motion was made and seconded to reduce Advertising by \$100 to \$800 – vote – 4 – 3 – motion passed.

We will keep this item open waiting for a response to our question.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:03 pm and return to continue with the other items for review on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Post  
Secretary