

Budget Committee Meeting: December 15, 2021

1. Meeting opened at 6:00 and ended at 8:35. Members present were Elaine Higgins, Tim Biggs Ron Price, Prentice Grassi, Doug Van Horn and myself. Absent was Laura Greeley. Also present was Dyann Anderson, Town Treasurer.
2. Dyann Anderson brought the committee up to date on expenses and revenue to date while answering questions.
3. We went through the Charitable Organizations Line again. We are still waiting for requests from 11 other organizations.
4. We moved the Community Historical Society from a separate line to the Charitable Organization list. We also agreed to reduce the contribution by \$500 which the town will use to pay for electricity and insurance on the Town House instead of having to come out of the FCHS line. We also agreed to close the former Freedom Historical Society account and write a check for the full amount to the FCHS.
5. We also added a new line for the Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Committee and give them \$500.
6. We went through the Solid Waste Management line. The biggest change was the loss of revenue from Montville due to the fact that they have bought their own compactor. We did agree to create an account for 2022 warrant to allow for the carryover of unspent monies into a Capital Reserve Account specifically to be able to buy a new compactor truck at some point.
7. Jim couldn't make it to the meeting so we didn't discuss the Fire Department budget.
8. None of the funds allocated for Sandy Pond Dam repairs was spent, so we discussed carrying over the money from 2021 and creating a Capital Reserve Account.

We agreed to meet again Tuesday, Dec 28<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 in order to discuss the Fire Department budget. Beginning in January we will be reviewing the entire budget with expenses filled in from 2021. The budget and the warrant need to be ready no later than Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.

Steve