

Town of Eliot  
Budget Committee Meeting

*Amended* Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Meeting

Budget Committee Members present: B. Hughes, D. Lentz, P. Lytle, D. Murphy, E. Strong, J. Tessier; Public attendance; 2 people

Video streaming for details was utilized.

- Committee nominated/elected new officers; D. Murphy chair, B. Hughes vice chair, D. Lentz secretary; no objections noted
- Reviewed current procedures and guidelines.
- Public questioned past adherence to two of the guidelines leading to discussion about how to would the committee address vacant Budget Committee seat.
  - Members expressed their thoughts on the vacant seat and a proposal to recommend the selectmen appoint Cindy Saklad to the committee.
  - A vote taken resulted in 3 affirmative, 2 negative; no objections noted.
- Comments on past years budget process were expressed. Can we work closer with T.M & Selectmen to avoid conflict/save time and produce a better product.
- Members expressed thoughts on current budget process - Closer review required would allow possible improvements to be suggested/implemented.
- New members expressed the need to review and fully understand the current process and budget structure.
- Question about the school budget and the role of the town Budget Committee played in that budget if any.
- It was decided to ask former Budget Committee members to the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss views on the process.
- Members were asked to think about some ideas for the upcoming meeting with the Selectmen. Members were asked to prepare.
- Next meeting scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted  
Dennis Lentz

