

Town of Eliot

Budget Committee Meeting

Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Meeting

Budget Committee Members present:

B. Hughes, D. Lentz, P. Lytle, D. Murphy, E. Strong, J. Tessier;

Public attendance: 1 person

Guest Attendees: Dana Lee, John Reed, Rebecca Davis, Rosanne Adams, Bob Fisher

Video streaming for details was utilized.

- Meeting was called to order @6:30 pm by the chair.
- Reviewed Minutes of 8/11/2015. Approved as amended; Minutes to be corrected.
- Town Manager Dana Lee explained the LD1 to the committee which included:
 - Municipal property tax levy limit
 - Calculated growth limitation factor
 - Newly adopted law amends the way the income growth factor is calculated.
- 7 pm. Guest attendees were introduced by the chair.
 - Explanation of their presence included sharing of past Budget committee experiences and items they would recommend are improved, process, schedule and timely sharing of data.
- Bob Fisher recommended meeting with the public throughout the budget process...take the lead in recruiting citizens /voters opinions.
- Ed Strong explained the past budget process
 - Discussion followed
- 8 pm. Rosanne Adams recommended a closer working relationship with the Town Manager
- John Reed provided his view of the past process and recommended a proactive relationship with Department heads.
- Budget members and guests suggested preliminary budget information be requested for 1st review at the November 16th meeting. Committee decided a letter should be written with the requests to the Town Manager.

- The following info should be requested:

- Preliminary budget numbers
- D1 limit
- Documented budget process
- Detail Work plan and schedule
- Detail Schedule/timeline
- Current account status report

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

- Next meeting scheduled for October 13TH @6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted


Dennis Lentz