

Eliot Budget Committee
Minutes
September 11, 2012, 6:00 PM

Members Present: Rebecca Davis, Roland Fernald, William Jacques, John Reed, Ed Strong,
Members Absent: Robert Fisher, Jeff Pelkey

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

It was agreed to postpone Roland Fernald's presentation on the Eliot Community Services Department until the next regular Budget Committee meeting on October 9, 2012.

Budget Committee members will attend the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen to discuss the following topics:

1. A proposed letter from the Sewer Committee to the 640 sewer users in South Eliot. The letter is purportedly in support of the TIF. The Budget Committee would like to know what the letter contains and if the Board of Selectmen is aware of the situation. The Budget Committee would like to be kept informed before a letter is sent out from the Sewer Committee.
2. A decision regarding the vote for funding the Route 236 Sewer Expansion in the TIF district. The Budget Committee would like to express an opinion that the vote take place in June as a referendum question, if it does not take place during the November elections.
3. The budget review timeline. The Budget Committee would like to receive an update from the Board of Selectmen regarding the timeline for budget reviews this year. Have dates been determined and have department heads been instructed? The Budget Committee would like to ensure that there is time for deliberation before the deadline for the Town's Annual Report.

Ed Strong has received a chart showing five years of revenue projections versus actual revenue collected. The projections proved to be pretty accurate. They were slightly lower than projected in 2008 and 2009, and higher than projected in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The Budget Committee received a citizen request for financial reports to be posted to the town web site. One of the reports includes a detailed breakdown of expenses and revenue. The other report summarizes expenses by warrant article. The Chairman will request the precise name of each report, ask how often the selectmen receive the reports (monthly or quarterly), and request that the reports be posted in PDF to the town web site.

The Budget Committee will start attaching information to the minutes so that residents can review documentation that is discussed during meetings.

Adjourn.

Submitted by Rebecca Davis, Secretary