

**Eliot Select Board**  
**Budget Workshop Minutes**

**March 20, 2017 at 5:30 PM at Town Hall**

Attending: Chairman Rebecca Davis, Roland Fernald, Jack Murphy, Bob Pomerleau, Brad Hughes, Town Manager Dana Lee, Finance Director Becky Bergeron, Public Works Director Joel Moulton and Budget Committee member Denny Lentz

1. Roll Call: The Chair opened the Workshop at 5:30 pm with all Board members present.
2. Discussion on the Town Manager's Proposed 2017-18 Budget:

The following budgets were deemed as acceptable (tentatively) and in concurrence with the Budget Committee's recommendations (see attached):

- Revenues
- Hearings and Elections
- General Assistance
- Town Committees
- Fire
- Public Works
- Roads and Bridges
- Winter Roads
- Summer Roads
- Transfer Station (HHW is a sub line)
- Stormwater
- Assessments
- CIP
- Social Services
- Library

Discussion points included – adding a \$1,000 stipend position in Administration to restore the Public Health Nurse position (supported). Under CSD, it was noted that we may have double benefits on the seasonal worker. Under Public Safety, we are to check with Mike Rodgers and see if he will refund last payment, accept that payment again in as of July 1, and to add the amount to the Public Safety appropriation request. The Board supported the Reserve accounts; it appears the Budget Committee did not review / recommend this item. Under Library, Rebecca

and Jack supported \$155k and let the voters decide between the larger and small figure. They asked that we check whether a 28 hour Admin Asst. at PW would qualify as Union. There was discussion about revamping the storm water estimates using 3% (not 4%) and saving on mobilization fees (6%?) if grouping phases. There was discussion about PWD training, Travel and Safety and what portion of the total is which items; training expenses to be reduced. There was discussion about converting our streetlights to LED to save money. Dana said the Energy Commission was investigating seriously.

There was discussion about advising the Library Trustees that greater support would likely come if the SB and BC could see the pertinent documents limiting their ability to use fee-based systems. Also, was advised to communicate to the Conservation Commission to submit a small reserve request annually for the Land Bank, and to have a capital investment plan / project list.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Adjourn: At 7:13 a motion was made by Jack to adjourn the workshop; this was seconded by Brad and so voted 5 – 0.

April 20, 2017  
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John J. Murphy, Secretary