



Town of South Thomaston, Maine
125 Spruce Head RD
P.O. Box 147
South Thomaston, ME 04858-0147

Budget Committee Meeting
April 6, 2021

Attendees:

Budget Committee

Moira Paddock (Chair)
Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff
Linda Maltais
Jeff Northgraves
Beverly St. Clair
Robert Baines
Sondra Wallace

Select Persons

Walter Reitz
John Spear
Jan Guadio

Director of Ambulance Service

Amy Drinkwater

Town Administrator

Terri Baines

Town Members

Pennie Alley
John Koffel
Ed Modell
Maureen (Last name?)

The original meeting was scheduled for April 5th, but due to a Spectrum internet outage it was rescheduled to April 6th. Because of this, Camille Minikis was not able to attend.

Meeting opened at 6:02 PM.

John Spear proposed an adjustment to the Agenda—he would like to go over the future meeting schedules at the end of this meeting.

Moira Paddock leads a discussion about the minutes from the April 1st meeting. One amendment noted—which was to update the name of the “Cemetery Reserve/Trust” to “Cemetery/Geo. River Shellfish/Veterans Reserve/Trust.” Beverly St. Clair moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jeff Northgraves seconded: **Motion Passed 6 - 0.**



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Administration (510): (\$391,085) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Jeff Northgraves moved to approve **\$391,085**. Beverly St. Clair seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Assessors (520): (\$72,894) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Jeff Northgraves moved to approve **\$72,894** and recommends using \$2,250 of surplus to help fund it. Beverly St. Clair seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Revaluation Reserve: (\$10,000) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Jeff Northgraves moved to approve **\$10,000**. Beverly St. Clair seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Planning & Appeals Boards (530): (\$2,470) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Jeff Northgraves moved to approve **\$2,470** and recommends using \$810 of surplus to help fund it. Beverly St. Clair seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Building & Grounds (540): (\$84,532) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Jeff Northgraves moved to approve an increase of \$5,000 for facility maintenance, increasing the total from \$79,532 to **\$84,532**. Linda Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Town Landing (550): (\$6,278) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve \$6,278 to be funded from Boat Excise. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 5 – 0.** (Jeff Northgraves no longer present)

CEO + Plumbing Inspector (560): (\$38,764) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve \$38,764, and recommends using \$1,500 of surplus to help fund it. Linda Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 5 – 0.**

Fire Department (570): (\$202,940) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. The Budget Committee agreed with the Select Board total number which did not include the camera and 2 Survival Suits for water rescues. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve \$202,940, and recommends using \$9,500 of surplus to help fund it. Robert Baines seconded. There was a question as to why the \$18,000 for the Exhaust System isn't under Building & Grounds. John Spear says this cost is directly associated with the fire department.

Motion Passed 5 – 0.

Ambulance Service (580): (\$352,177) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$352,177**. Linda Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 5 – 0.**



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General Public Safety (590): (\$64,650) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$64,650**, and recommends using \$1,300 of surplus to help fund it. Linda Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 5 – 0.**

Street Lights (600): (\$5,248) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. An additional \$1,000 was added to the preliminary budget for maintenance, and the money was funded from surplus. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$5,248**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 5 – 0.**

Town Roads (610): (\$286,365) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$286,365**, and recommends using \$26,000 of surplus to help fund it. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.** (Sondra Wallace now present)

Solid Waste Disposal (630): (\$462,861) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$462,861**. Linda Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Social Services (640): (\$2,250) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$2,250**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Library (650): (\$3,503) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$3,503**. Sondra Wallace seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Recreation (680): (\$5,505) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$5,505**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Debt Services (670): (\$80,379) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$80,379**. Linda Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Cemetery/Geo. River Shellfish/Veterans (695): (\$28,070) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$28,070**. Sondra Wallace seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Capital Expense (702): (\$8,232) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$8,232** funded from surplus. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**



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Fire Truck Reserve: (\$52,900) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$52,900**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Fire Equipment Reserve: (\$15,000) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Fire equipment will be purchased through the Fire SCBA Reserve funds this year. No money needs to be contributed to the fire truck repair reserves this year. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$15,000**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve: (\$5,000) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. No money needs to be contributed to the ambulance reserve until the town pays off the new ambulance. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$5,000**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Town Landing Reserve: (\$3,637) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$3,673**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Paving Reserve: (\$50,000) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$50,000**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Cemetery/Geo. River Shellfish/Veterans Reserve/Trust: (\$1,000) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$1,000**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Emergency Disaster Reserve: (\$10,000) Town Administrator Terri Baines presented the budget. Beverly St. Clair moved to approve **\$10,000**. Robert Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Moira Paddock notes that we are spending \$60,592 from our surplus, which brings us down to a total of \$567,154 in surplus. Walter Reitz explained several rubrics of which to analyze what surplus we should have to start a budget year.

Moira Paddock suggests a budget memo go out to the townspeople regarding the increased mil rate.

This ended the agenda items.

Beverly St. Clair motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.



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The above minutes were approved over Zoom at 5:01 PM on April 7th. Beverly St. Clair moved to accept the minutes. Linda Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 5 - 0.**

Respectfully submitted Kate Greene