

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

Budget Committee Meeting

April 10, 2023

Attendees:

Budget Committee

Walter Reitz (Chair)
Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff (Co-Secretary)
Sondra Wallace (Co-Secretary)
Linda Maltais
Bob Baines
Pennie Alley

Select Persons

John Spear Jeff Northgraves Sue Snow

Town Administrator

Terri Baines

Select Meeting opened at 4:00 PM.

Election of officers for 2023: Walter Reitz elected as Chair $\mathbf{5} - \mathbf{0}$ Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff and Sondra Wallace elected as Co-Secretaries $\mathbf{5} - \mathbf{0}$

Budget Summary:

Jeff Northgraves explained we have a higher budget this year because costs have increased in general. For example, there has been an 8.7% increase for wages. However, the budget is still up less than 8% overall, and we are under the LD1 limit.

Budget Committee Meeting opened at 4:28 PM.

Administration (510): (\$307,708)

T. Baines presented the budget. S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve \$307,708. L. Maltais seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

Revaluation Reserve (Line 1220): (\$10,000)

B. Baines moved to preliminarily approve \$10,000. S. Wallace seconded: <u>Motion Passed</u> 6-0.



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Administration (540): (\$119,405)

T. Baines presented the budget. P. Alley moved to preliminarily approve \$119,405. S. Wallace seconded: **Motion Passed 6** – **0**.

Building Reserve (Line 1229): (\$5,000)

S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve \$5,000. B. Baines seconded: <u>Motion Passed</u> 6-0.

Assessors (520): (\$34,981)

T. Baines presented the budget. S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve \$34,981. L. Maltais seconded: Motion Passed 6-0.

CEO & Plumbing Inspector (560): (\$33,623)

T. Baines presented the budget. S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve \$33,623. B. Baines: Motion Passed 6-0.

Planning & Appeals Boards (530): (\$2,826)

T. Baines presented the budget. S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve \$2,826. L. Maltais. seconded: Motion Passed 6-0.

Street Lights (600): (\$4,300)

T. Baines presented the budget. L. Maltais moved to preliminarily approve \$4,300. B. Baines seconded: Motion Passed 6-0.

Town Landing (550): (\$7,956)

J. Spear presented the budget. P. Alley. moved to preliminarily approve \$7,956. B. Baines seconded: **Motion Passed 6 – 0.**

This ended the agenda items. We decided to carry on with additional departments.

Library (650): (\$5,020)

P. Alley recused herself from the Budget Committee to present the budget. L. Maltais moved to preliminarily approve \$5,020. S. Wallace seconded: **Motion Passed 5 – 0.**

Cemetery/Geo. River Shellfish/Veterans (695): (\$23,468)

P. Alley recused herself from the Budget Committee to present the budget. B. Baines moved to preliminarily approve \$23,468. L. Maltais seconded: Motion Passed 5-0.

Cemetery Reserve (Line 1228): (\$1,000)

S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve \$1,000. B. Baines seconded: <u>Motion Passed</u> 5-0.



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L. Maltais motioned to adjourn. S. Wallace seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff