



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

Budget Committee Meeting
April 15, 2024

Attendees:

Budget Committee

Walter Reitz, Chair
Sondra Wallace, Secretary
Bob Baines
Linda Maltais
Pennie Alley

Absent: Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff

Select Board

Jeff Northgraves, Chair
John Spear
Sue Snow

Town Office

Terri Baines, Town Administrator
Hannah Moholland

Select Board meeting opened at 4:00 PM. Budget Committee Meeting opened at 4:01PM.

Approval of prior meeting minutes

B.Baines moved to approve the minutes from April 11, as corrected; L.Maltais seconded.
Motion Passed 5- 0.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Budget Committee recommendations were approved as follows:

Administration

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$280,026**, with \$80,000 from excise taxes, \$28,290 from anticipated revenue, and \$171,736 from appropriations. B.Baines seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**



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Assessors

P.Alley moved to recommend funding of **\$35,909**, with \$3,000 from surplus, \$22,000 from anticipated revenues, and \$10,909 from appropriations. S.Wallace seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Planning Board-Board of Appeals

S.Wallace moved to recommend funding of **\$2,718** from appropriations. W.Reitz seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Conservation Commission

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$618** from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded. **Motion passed 4-0** (S.Wallace recused).

Building & Grounds

B.Baines moved to recommend funding of **\$94,560**, with \$19,000 from surplus, \$50,000 from excise taxes, \$13,155 from anticipated revenue, and \$12,405 from appropriations. P.Alley seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Town Landing

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$5,763** from boat excise taxes. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

CEO & Plumbing Inspector

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$59,626**, with \$10,000 from surplus, \$15,000 from excise taxes, \$15,276 from anticipated revenues, and \$19,350 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Fire Department

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$167,850**, with \$7,000 from surplus and \$160,850 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Ambulance Department

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$380,989**, with \$1,000 from surplus, \$33,568 from grants, \$126,000 from anticipated revenue, and \$220,421 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**



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EMA, Animal Control, E-911

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$81,914**, with \$6,355 from anticipated revenue and \$75,559 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Street Lights

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$3,500** from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Town Roads-Snow Plow

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$382,797**, with \$47,000 from surplus, \$280,000 from excise taxes, \$45,000 from anticipated revenues, and \$10,797 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Dump and Transfer Station

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$345,840**, with \$7,000 from surplus, \$660 from reserves, \$3,300 from anticipated revenues, and \$334,880 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Social Services

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$1,500** from anticipated revenues. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Library

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$5,079**, with \$2,000 from surplus, \$2,500 from anticipated revenues, and \$579 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 4-0** (P.Alley recused).

Recreation

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$1,960** from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Debt Service

W. Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$32,660**, with \$15,600 from anticipated revenues and \$17,060 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**



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Reserves

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$219,477**, with \$20,000 from surplus, \$237 from boat excise taxes, \$50,000 from grants, and \$149,240 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Cemetery/Shellfish/Veterans

W.Reitz moved to recommend funding of **\$34,468**, with \$300 from anticipated revenues and \$34,168 from appropriations. L.Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 4-0** (P.Alley recused).

Chair W. Reitz, without objection, adjourned the Budget Committee meeting at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sondra Wallace.

These minutes were approved by the Budget Committee on 4/29/24.

On 4/29/24 the Budget Committee met for the limited purpose of approving the 4/15/24 meeting minutes.

Attending: Walter Reitz, Chair; Sondra Wallace, Secretary; Bob Baines; Linda Maltais.

Chair W. Reitz called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

B.Baines moved to approve the minutes of the 4/15/24 meeting; W.Reitz seconded; Motion passed 4-0.

Chair W. Reitz, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sondra Wallace