

Budget Committee Minutes 11-10-16

Officers:

Chair—Bettie Harris-Howard

Vice-Chair---Sean Bright

Secretary---Rebecca Beal

Introductions were made.

Present: Sean, Jeri, Skip, Corinna (alt), Laura, Bettie, Rebecca, and Judy

Absent: Becky Batchelder and Karen Gerrish

*Discussion of need to contact Karen Gerrish about membership on Budget Committee. Is she still interested?

*We should have 9 members and 1 alternate.

*Budgets are not ready yet. Selectmen have set a deadline for departments of Nov. 15 to have budgets ready for submit. We will start work on budgets in January.

*Budget Committee meetings will be Wednesdays at 6:30.

*At least one Budget Committee member should attend each Selectmen's meeting.

E-mail addresses of members:

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Karen	

Each member should have a separate e-mail address for Budget Committee as all emails are subject to Freedom of Information requests.

*Discussion about norms for participation in meetings”

No yelling at each other.

Ask pertinent questions.

Speak up if you notice a missed point of order.

Discussion followed about budget process. The vote will be in May. Time needs to be allowed for ballot to be put together and public hearings. The vendor is slow. The following questions came up about the process:

How does rank choice voting enter into the discussion of the time-line?

How will the minimum wage referendum affect budgets?

What about the marijuana referendum? Who gives permits? Does the town need to give approval first? What about a moratorium to all time to come up with a plan?

Motion to adjourn by Bettie at 7:08 p.m. Seconded by Judy

Submitted by Rebecca Beal