

Budget Committee Minutes For 2/28/12 Meeting

The Budget Committee Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM at the Odd Fellows' Hall by Michael Corey, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Began with Article 3.

Art. 3: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and fix a rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes

Selectmen Recommend: That all taxes be due and payable October first, 2012 and that interest be charged on all unpaid taxes starting November first, 2012 at 7.00 percent.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 4: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, thereon such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 5: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to accept as gifts any acceptable property donated to the Town during the fiscal year ending February 15, 2013.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 6: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell and assign un-matured tax liens for not less than the amount, interest and costs included.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 7: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell any outdated capital equipment after advertising in local newspapers.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 8: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to appoint a budget committee to meet as required, to recommend the necessary appropriations for the fiscal year ending February 15, 2014.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Paul Dudley to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 9: To see if the Town will appropriate in estimated revenue from motor vehicle excise taxes, all state revenue sharing funds, all state snowmobile reimbursements, dog license fees, sludge disposal fees, bus repairs income, Odd Fellows rental fees, supplemental taxes, license fees and other miscellaneous income to be received in fiscal year ending February 15, 2013 to reduce the tax commitment by \$308,109.00.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 10: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to use the overlay as an abatement account.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 11: LD1 Tax Art. – Written Ballot – To see if the Town will vote to increase its property tax levy limit.

Art. 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$175,100.00 for Town Administration.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to raise and appropriate \$175,100.00 for Town Administration. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the computer reserve and to carry over any balance.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,500.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to raise and appropriate \$10,500.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$236,875.00 for the Highway Department.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to raise and appropriate \$236,875.00 for the Highway Department. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 16: To see if the Town will raise \$75,000.00 for the Town Road Improvement Fund.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 17: To see if the Town will appropriate \$125,000.00 from the Town Road Improvement account for summer road maintenance and to carry-over any unexpended balance.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to appropriate \$125,000.00 for the Highway Department. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 18: To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$60,000.00 to be placed in the equipment reserve account.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 19: To see if the Town will accept approximately \$43,000 from the state block grant program for town road improvement in accordance with the requirements outlined in public law, chapter 492, L.D. 1691-1981.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 20: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$72,000.00 for the Fire Department.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to raise and appropriate \$72,000.00 for the Fire Department. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 21: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$202,110.00 for other services:

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Paul Dudley to raise and appropriate \$202,100.00 for other services. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 22: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,400.00 for insurance.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to raise and appropriate \$28,400.00 for insurance. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 23: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$79,702.00 for Recreation.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to raise and appropriate \$79,702.00 for the Recreation. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 24: To see if the Town will raise & appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Municipal Building Repairs account and to carry over any balance.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Municipal Building Repairs account and to carry over any balance. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 25: To see if the Town will vote to lend the cemetery fund up to \$30,000.00 from the UDAG account, interest free, to purchase mowers and other maintenance equipment and to pay it back within a three year period from the cemetery fund.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 26: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to carry-over the following unexpended balances for fiscal year 2012.

Selectmen’s Discretionary	Planning Board Account
Education	Septic Systems
General Assistance	Insurance Reserve
Town Road Improvement	Historical Society
Beautification	Computer Reserve
School Retirement Reserve	Municipal Building Repair
Town Retirement Reserve	TRIO Reserve

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

2012 Carry-over Balances	
Town Road Improvement	\$19,095.10
FEMA Assistance Funds	\$17,873.86
Selectmen’s Discretionary	\$6,026.32
General Assistance	\$3,387.83
Planning Board Account	\$1,308.47
Septic Systems	\$2,086.03

Education	\$372,745.29
Historical Society	\$1,444.59
Equipment Reserve	\$173,048.09
Insurance Reserve	\$3,000.00
Beautification	\$2,158.73
Computer Reserve	\$1,100.00
Town Retirement Reserve	\$8,753.56
School Retirement Reserve	\$10,000.00
Municipal Building Repair	\$0.00

Art. 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2013 annual budget during the period from February 15, 2013 to annual town meeting.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 28: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to apply and accept an award from the State of Maine Small Community 90-10 Matching Grant for pollution abatement construction, to correct, on a priority basis, defective residential septic systems on the Prestile Stream banks or on the banks of other streams or bodies of water, and further authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management, and completion of such projects.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 29: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Maine State Planning Office and if said application is approved, to further authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management and completion of the project.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 30: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 6 (six) percent for the fiscal year 2013 pursuant to M.R.S.A. 506A.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$4,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 32: To see if the Town will vote to accept from the State of Maine funds in the following categories:

- Civil Emergency Funds
- Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Local Road Assistance
- State Aid to Education
- Snowmobile Registration
- Tree Growth Reimbursement
- General Assistance Reimbursement
- Education Tax Relief Block Grant
- Veteran Exemption Reimbursement
- Property Tax Relief Funds
- State Grants or Other Funds

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 33: To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate \$15,000.00 from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2013.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 35: To see if the Town will vote to expend all proceeds from the State of Maine Grant In Aid Snowmobile Program estimated to be \$7,797.00 to the Easton Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 36: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2012-2013 Community Development Block (Grant) applications for the Business Assistance Program, the Economic Development Fund Loan and the Community Enterprise Program. To submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

Art. 37: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2012-2013 Rural Development Grant applications for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program for \$99,999 and for Rural Business Enterprise Loans for up to \$300,000 each and to submit same to the USDA, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Moved by Tom Osgood, seconded by Ira Dodge to accept article as read. Voted yes by show of hands.

It was moved by Bruce Flewelling and seconded by Randy Bacon to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Voted yes by show of hands.

Attendance:

Tammy Beaulier-Fuller
Carl Mullen
Tom Osgood
Mark Sotomayor
Randy Bacon
Paul Dudley
Bob Clark
Scott Allen

Skip Babineau
Gaylen Flewelling
Carrie Hull
Vaughn Martin
Mike Corey
Bruce Flewelling
Cheryl Clark

Kim White
Paul DeMerchant
Terry White
Ira Dodge
Doug Blackstone
Jim Gardner
Kevin Marquis
Hillary Hallett