

UNAPPROVED

BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES

December 3, 2025

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

Members present: Todd Davidson, Maria Glabach, Skip Fletcher, Paul Adler

Members present on Zoom: Tom Nolan

Members absent: none

Also present: Steve Mindel, Michael Silberman, Eliza Greenhoe-Bergh

Also Present on Zoom: Charlotte Neer-Annis, Chris Brown, Laurie Frechette, Jean Newell

Budget Work:

Work Sheets:

Library request was discussed. The Board is concerned regarding the lack of numbers/statistics from the Library. The Board would like to know visitor numbers and if they are Town residents or out of town for the Library and Children's program. Some of the Board is concerned that the library is being used by non-town residents. Charlotte stated that her daughter, who does not live in Dummerston, goes to the story time program and there is not a lot of participants. Eliza felt that any funding from the Town should be for pre-grant funds and the balance should be asked for again at Town Meeting. She was also concerned over the lack of attendance numbers for the Library. The other concern raised is that the newly formed Community Center/Library committee is not looking at all options to present at Town Meeting. They are only looking at merging the Community Center and Library. Tom mentioned that the purpose of this group was to merge the Community Center and Library. Three Selectboard members advocated for selling the Community Center building.

The Board decided to reduce the Library allocation to \$24,900.00 and added \$16,000.00 to the Community Center line in the General Fund.

The Listers spoke briefly with the Board regarding allocating \$5000.00 yearly for six years into the Reappraisal Fund. The State will require a reappraisal every six years.

Other items discussed:

Health Insurance – Chris & Laurie will look into the cost and what the Board should be budgeting.

Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance – the Board will budget \$8,500.00 for two employees.

Windham Solid Waste is estimated to be \$14,500 until final number received.

Fire Department Capital Fund – The Board has not received the balance in their capital fund or anticipated fundraising.

Town Capital Fund – will need to change the 2025/26 amount for the new truck to \$140,000.00.

Sheriff hours were increased at the last budget meeting.

Hours for the Town Clerk and Treasurer will each be increased by 200 hours. This will allow for Laurie and Chris to “help” anyone newly elected after Town Meeting in 2027, if needed. The

Assistant Town Clerk hours will remain at 1160. This will give extra hours if anyone wants to “train” with Laurie prior to running for election.
Farmland Protection Fund will be reduced to \$0.00.

Todd will invite the Fire Department, Library, and Jack Manix to the next budget meeting on 12/17.

Maria will update worksheets and send to Laurie to post on the Town website.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Todd, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk