

Budget Review Committee – February 11, 2026

Present: Budget Review Committee Members: Ron Schneider, Richard Debold, Bob Mulcahy, David MacKenzie, Adam Bloom-Paicopolos, Mark Bagdasarian and Bill Wade.
Staff Members: Town Manager Mike Pardue, Staff Accountant Nichole Orchard, Finance Director Jodie Sanborn, Town Clerk Marybeth Pordon, Deputy Registrar Michele Stivaletta-Noble, Assessor Keeley Lambert, Information Center Eleanor Vadenais.
Select Board Representatives: John MacLeod III and Kathy Chase.

Approval of minutes from February 4, 2026, meeting

Motion to approve by Bill

Seconded by Richard

Approved 7-0

Budgets for Review

Town Clerk – Revenues

- a. David asked for the revenue budget to be voted down so the Selectboard could look at possibly raising lodging license fees.

Motion to vote down Revenues Budget by David

Seconded by Bill

Approved 6-1

Town Clerk – Operations

- a. Richard explained the budget. Operations went up by less than 1%.

Motion to approve Operations Budget for \$24,950 by Richard

Seconded by Bob

Approved 7-0

Information Center

- a. Ron explained the budget. He stated the shared agreement between the town and Chamber has always been a 40% contribution from the Town.
- b. Bill asked what information the center gives out. Eleanor stated residents and guests often inquire about hotels, restaurants and trades people.
- c. Mark asked how many employees the information center had. Eleanor stated 1 full time and 5 part time.

Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$68,152 by Ron

Seconded by Mark

Approved 6-1

Assessing

- a. Richard explained the budget. Operations were up about 8%. Vendor contract for tax map updates increased this year.
- b. Richard asked if they could go out to bid on new vendor. Keeley stated not beneficial to the Town as that vendor is also used for other services outside of just tax map updates.

Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$16,600 by Richard

Seconded by Mark

Approved 7-0

Finance - Operations

- a. Jodie explained the budget.
- b. Ron asked why printing and binding went up so much between FY 24 and FY 25. Jodie stated that there was an issue with tax bill printing in FY 24 and the vendor had given a credit to correct the issue. The Town was then charged full price again in the next fiscal year.
- c. Jodie stated abatements/overlay, real estate taxes, personal property taxes, the county tax and school appropriation are not something the budget committee normally votes on. They are all in the budget book just so she can show a balanced budget utilizing the new budget book software this year.

Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$100,150 by Ron

Seconded by Richard

Approved 7-0

Finance - Revenues

- a. Jodie explained the budget. Cable TV revenue is down because more people are moving to streaming services.
- b. Bill asked if it would be possible to look at collecting revenue from streaming services.
- c. Ron asked why revenue sharing is going up. Jodie states the amount given to us is a percentage of what the State of Maine collects.

Motion to approve Revenues Budget of \$6,488,218 by Richard

Seconded by Bob

Approved 7-0

Debt Service

- a. Jodie explained the budget.
- b. Bob asked how many bonds the Town currently has. Jodie stated 3.
- c. Jodie states the Town rating is AA+.

Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$1,660,863.00 by Ron

Seconded by Bob

Approved 7-0

Employee Benefits

- a. Jodie explained the budget.

**Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$9,000 by Richard
Seconded by Dave
Approved 7-0**

Insurances

- a. Jodie explained the budget.
- b. Bill asked if the Town could bypass a broker. Mike stated they can go out to bid sometime in the future.
- c. Dave asked if the uptick in Workers Compensation costs were due to injuries. Mike stated it's due in part to the addition of employees.

**Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$1,061,815.00 by Bill
Seconded by Richard
Approved 7-0**

Labor & Employee Relations

- a. Jodie explained the budget.

**Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$36,000 by Richard
Seconded by Bob
Approved 7-0**

Town Manager

- a. Mike explained the budget. Explained consulting fees down due to moving more grant work to Public Works and Jodie.
- b. Mark asked if there were any grants available for sidewalks on Bourne Ave. Mike stated that it could be researched.

**Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$221,900 by Mark
Seconded by Adam
Approved 7-0**

Cable TV Studio

- a. Mike explained the budget.
- b. Mike asked for an additional \$15,000 due to recent equipment failures.

**Motion to approve revised Operations Budget of \$27,000 by Mark
Seconded by Adam
Approved 7-0**

General Government

- a. Jodie explained the budget.
- b. Richard asked if the building expense is just the Town Hall. Jodie stated it is just Town Hall and the biggest expense is the cleaning services. The line is also used for the various maintenance contracts for the building such as the elevator service and HVAC contract.

**Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$77,130 by Dave
Seconded by Adam
Approved 7-0**

Selectboard


**Motion to approve Operations Budget of \$6,000 by Bill
Seconded by Mark
Approved 7-0**

***Code and Planning Enterprise moved to February 25th ***


Jodie states grants/social services will be printed separately and available for the Committee to view. An electronic file will also be sent this week. Ron asked Committee members to look at the Grant requests and let Staff know if they would like any presentations by Grant requestors.

**Motion to Adjourn by Richard
Seconded by Mark
Approved 7-0**

Respectfully submitted,


Nichole Orchard
Staff Accountant

Approved by,


Ron Schneider Jr.
Budget Committee Chairman