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**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN**  
**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Community Center – Whitten Street Street**  
**Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275**  
**November 6, 2021**

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**Call to Order**

8 The Allenstown Municipal Budget Committee Meeting of November 6, 2021 was called to order at 9:06  
9 AM by Chair Boisvert.

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**Roll Call**

12 Present on the Board: Chair Melaine Boisvert, Sandra Lambert, Julie Keane, Carol Angowski, Jeffrey Venegas,  
13 Mike Juranty (excused at 12:00 pm), Bobbie LaFlame

14 Excused: Matt Pitaro (Budget), Maureen Higham (Selectboard), Scott McDonald (Selectboard)

15 Allenstown Staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator; Debbie Bender, Finance Director; Keith Klawes,  
16 Selectboard Representative, Kris Raymond, School Board Representative, Sandy McKenney, Selectboard, Police  
17 Chief Mike Stark, Chris Gamache (EMS), Moe Paquette (Fire Department), Eric Lambert (Fire Department),  
18 Chad Pelissier (Highway Department) arrived late.

19 Jim Rodger joined the meeting at 9:30 am making it an official quorum of the Selectboard. Deb Carney,  
20 Budget Committee, arrived at 11:45 pm.

21 Chair Boisvert called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Boisvert asked for a moment of silence for  
22 Staff Sargent Jesse Sherrill and Colin Powell.

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➤ **POLICE & POLICE CIP**

25 Chief Stark presented only the big changes to the Budget as opposed to reading the document line by  
26 line. He said the biggest changes are in the Salary lines and those are just by the step increases that they  
27 normally have. He said that for the support staff it went up \$8,000 and full-time positions go up \$22,000.  
28 He said while they seem like large jumps, by being able to keep staff consistent, the Town is getting  
29 better service for the money.

30 He said the other increases are in IT services which is just a contract they have with Certified Computers  
31 and they are doing a great job keeping their systems secure. The Computers & Software line include their  
32 software licenses and computer items such as printers, keyboards, etc.

33 The PD Copier Lease went up just a bit but they have also been able to buy new radars and lidars  
detector, so that has come down because they are brand new and do not need to be repaired. He said  
the Telephone and Modem was an adjustment to match what the line has been for a number of years.

34 He said the Tuition line is more because of the change in how the Police Academy runs things and they  
35 have not been able to hold as many in person classes, so they had to pay to send the staff elsewhere for  
36 training.

37 Chief Stark said that Postage and Gasoline are both coming down, but the cost of uniforms is going up.  
38 He said that Overtime will be coming up a little bit but this number is much more accurate now than it  
39 has ever been. He said the Dispatch line was a yearly contract with Merrimack County Sheriff's  
40 Department that will be going up.

41 Chief Stark said the cost of vehicles will also be increasing for this coming budget year.

42 Chair Boisvert asked how many officers they currently have. Chief Stark said there are 10 full-time  
43 officers and one current opening.

44 Chief Stark said the money from police details is a completely different budget process and the money is  
45 reimbursed so the Town does not spend any money.

46 With regard to the price of gasoline, he said this line item has always been very high for many years. He  
47 thinks the money allotted will be workable compared to last year's budget.

48 Ms. Raymond asked if the petroleum is such that they could really use 2020 as a benchmark or was it  
49 even lighter or less gas use. Chief Stark said petroleum was higher because they had way less calls than  
50 anticipated during Covid.

51 Ms. Agnowski asked Chief Stark how many vehicles the department has. He said there are 4 marked  
52 vehicles and 2 unmarked vehicles. He said 5 of the cars are in a lease rotation to keep their maintenance  
53 costs down.

54 Ms. Boisvert asked whether their vehicles have dash cams. He said they do not, as they are not helpful.  
55 He said that now body cams are the hot item and the state pays for half the cost and there are other  
56 grants available. He said that they had not yet purchased body cams because the laws did not address it  
57 from a privacy perspective. Chief Stark said another issue is that in the past, every 8 minutes of video  
58 equals a half an hour of administrative time. Currently, the technology has improved to make it easier  
59 for the officer and staff.

60 Chief Stark said the Support Staff Salary line covers the administrative assistant, full time prosecutor,  
61 part-time administrator that works evenings and the custodian.

62 Ms. Raymond asked about their K-9 puppy. Chief Stark said she stays with him most of the time and does  
63 a great job. He said her roll is more as a therapy dog but doesn't have a specific roll.

64 Ms. Boisvert asked if there were merit increases in addition to step increases. Chief Stark said the way it  
65 works is they can deny people their step increases based on their job performance, and each step  
66 includes a cost of living adjustment for the following year. Ms. Bender said the COLA for this year will be  
67 3% and the steps are competitive with surrounding towns.

68 Ms. Agnowski asked Chief Stark whether they were going to fix the ramp at the Police Department. He  
69 said it is on the list, however it is very expensive. Ms. Boisvert asked what his wish list of things they  
70 need. He said the ramp is one and the carpet needs to be replaced. He said the roof is on his mind, but  
71 not needed at this time. When things come up that they need to purchase, he said he tries to use any  
72 extra money from details to cover it so it does not come out of the budget.

73 Mr. Klawes suggested that the ramp be rebuilt with something other than concrete to save money. Chief  
74 Stark said he was quoted \$15,000 to break it up and put a new one in.

75 Mr. Klawes said that COLA and step increases are great, but eventually it will catch up and not be  
76 feasible.

77 Chief Stark left the meeting.

78 ➤ **TAX COLLECTOR, TOWN CLERK, FINANCE & ASSESSING**

79 Ms. Bender said the biggest change that has been added into her budget is a 7% increase for a new full-  
80 time position that supports the Highway Department, Building Inspector, Town Administrator and helps  
81 with various tasks for the Finance Department. She said this individual would also help the fire  
82 department. She said the break down would be approximately \$8-9,000 per department.

83 She said that she always puts her whole salary in the Town budget, but the Sewer Department actually  
84 pays 10% of it.

85 Mr. Goodine said they have approximately 10 employees that work at the election, including supervisor  
86 of checklist, ballot clerks, etc.

87 Ms. Boisvert asked whether the Computer/Software line item was reimbursed 35% from the Sewer  
88 Department. Ms. Bender said that is correct.

89 Ms. Bender said the \$35,000 to Avitar is separate from the revaluation which starts in January.

90 There was a discussion regarding new accounting software. Mr. Goodine said the Sewer Department will  
91 be transitioning to a new system and he is looking forward to hearing about their experience with it. He  
92 is going to attend a NHMA convention and this topic will be discussed. Ms. Bender said she has worked  
93 with several software packages, and there is always someone that dislikes it.

94 Ms. Bender said that they had forecasted the salary for the new position to be just under \$38,000 and it  
95 is in the Personnel Line and this equates to about \$7,500 to each of the budgets/ departments.

96 ➤ **AMBULANCE**

97 Mr. Gamache introduced Tri-Town Ambulance Service consisting of Allenstown and Pembroke. He said  
98 they employ 27 people, 4 of which are full time with the remaining part-time. He said between the two  
99 towns and surrounding towns, they receive 1360 calls per year, with around 800 transports that fund half

100 of their budget. He said that they base what the two towns are responsible for on the total number of  
101 runs in the towns for the past 3 years.

102 Mr. Gamache said that they had not seen shift from the EMS runs in Pembroke, which historically had a  
103 higher percentage, into Allenstown until recently.

104 Mr. Gamache said he tracks how many mutual aids are coming into the community and looks at whether  
105 they are providing mutual aid as often as they receive it. He said in recent years, it has been pretty close  
106 to equal.

107 He said that for right now, 1 truck is adequate and all the expense increases and decreases are the  
108 determined historically. He said health insurance typically goes up so they add more money for that line  
109 item.

110 Mr. Gamache said that next year, they are planning a new ambulance. He said they are taking money  
111 from the Capital Improvement Fund and bring it through the budget the down payment for the  
112 ambulance. He said for that reason, the budget for next year is \$1,056,348.00. He said he breaks it down  
113 to the Operational Budget which is the day to day operations, payroll, supplies, fuel, etc. He said when  
114 you look at last years compared to this upcoming year's Operational Budget, it is a \$13,684.00 or 1.55%  
115 increase. He said most of it is COLA increases, merit pay, and healthcare increases.

116 Mr. Gamache said of the \$1,056,348.00 total budget, they are budgeting \$455,000 from ambulance  
117 billing, \$1,000 interest, and \$2,500 from details that they cover and will move \$105,700 from the Capital  
118 Improvement to offset the budget. He said the total Allenstown is going to be paying is \$233,701 and  
119 Pembroke will pay \$260,609.

120 Mr. Gamache said Pembroke typically requires assistance from Allenstown for cardiac arrest or  
121 unresponsive patient, and Pembroke typically responds automatically to motor vehicle accidents in  
122 Allenstown. He said it's up to the Allenstown or Pembroke Fire Department how they want to respond or  
123 what criteria they want to use to respond. Mr. Klawes asked what is the percentage of calls that  
124 Allenstown rolls on that Pembroke actually needs the extra assistance. Mr. Gamache said less than 10%  
125 and it varies from time of day or day of the week. He said there are certain addresses that are flagged for  
126 extra help.

127 Mr. Gamache said that they had less runs in 2020 due to Covid but it is returning back to normal in 2021.

128 Mr. Klawes asked how he thought the new assisted living facility was going to affect the calls and  
129 Allenstown's budget. Mr. Gamache responded that he heard there may be an increase of 5-8 runs per  
130 week, which is 200-400 runs per year with 400 being on the high side. He said he is not sure if the  
131 various housing projects between Pembroke and Allenstown will balance each other out looking in the  
132 future but the agreement is based on the percentages between the two towns.

133 Ms. Agnowski asked regarding per diem employees and how many do we employ. Mr. Gamache said  
134 that they are considered employees and he tries to cap the roster at 30 people. He said part-time

135 employees typically work 24 hours on weekends. He said they typically only get 3-4 years out of their per  
136 diem staff, as they usually work two jobs.

137 Chair Boisvert asked if their budget line item was realistic regarding fuel. He said they have a buffer built  
138 in and it has stayed the same over the last couple of years.

139 Ms. McKenney asked how collections were going. He said they do send some people to collections and  
140 it's a moving target. He said their gross billings is over a million, but because of Medicaid and Medicare,  
141 they receive a large reduction in rates. He said there are also people who do not have any insurance and  
142 can't pay so it often gets written off. He said some people pay all of the bill, but the vast majority pay  
143 nothing at all.

144 ➤ **HIGHWAY DEPT., STORM WATER, STREET LIGHTS, SOLID WASTE & HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CIP**

145 Mr. Pelissier said the diesel line item was still up from when the prices were higher so they don't feel the  
146 need to change it.

147 He said that he has 5 full time staffers in the Highway Department with interviews scheduled for the  
148 employee that left last month. He said that they have 1 part-timer currently. He said they added a line  
149 item for a part-time secretary which was discussed.

150 Mr. Pelissier said he did increase the construction services line for the topping of Granite Street next  
151 year.

152 Ms. McKenney asked if Library Street was on their budget or Sewer. He said it belongs to Sewer except  
153 for the short piece at the end. He said that was supposed to be done last week, and he knows they are  
154 dealing with the contractors. He is hoping that it gets done this week before the weather turns.

155 Mr. Pelissier said they increased the Construction Supply line. He said in the last couple of years, they  
156 have done a lot more work in house and it saves them a lot more money. He said new excavator will  
157 save them a lot of labor costs.

158 He said the salt line increased significantly this year and hopefully they won't use it all. Mr. Pelissier said  
159 they currently have \$12,000 left from last year which brings them through January 1<sup>st</sup> and with the price  
160 increase, that won't go far. Ms. Raymond asked whether there was a change last year requiring them to  
161 use more sand than salt. Mr. Pelissier said he just did the DES Green Snow program and they do want  
162 them to use less salt, and on top of that, they discovered that if you put sand on the road and a car drives  
163 over it a certain amount of times it becomes silica and silica robs water of oxygen killing fish and creating  
164 algae blooms. He believes the state is pushing for them to go to a brine system. Mr. Pelissier said he  
165 would have to outfit every truck with a brine system and brine is tough on their equipment, and they will  
166 need a building to create the brine. He said they are caught in a catch 22. Ms. Raymond said she would  
167 not want to see all of their Capital Reserve to have to go to a brine garage.

168 Mr. Klawes said it will also damage their vehicles driving over it. He asked whether Mr. Pelissier has  
169 looked to other states to see what they are using. He is afraid they will spend all of this money, and the  
170 DES will come back and suggest using something else.

171 Mr. Pelissier said without salt, Deerfield Road would never be cleared. He said the brine system is not  
172 mandated, however if DES had their way, this is what every town would be doing.

173 He said the Town uses more sand than salt on average.

174 Ms. Angowski asked how many full time employees do they have. Mr. Pelissier said 5 and they had one  
175 of their employees leave in mid-September and there are interviewing on Wednesday to fill this position.  
176 He said they have one part-timer that works in the garage and one part-timer that works at the Transfer  
177 Station.

178 Ms. Angowski asked if they are in the same contract with Casella. Mr. Pelissier said yes, until June of  
179 2024. Mr. Goodine said that they want to talk to them to extend their contract.

180 Mr. Pelissier said he believes prices are going down a little bit with regard to building supplies, and in  
181 talking with Mr. Arsenault, he is hoping that they can start the new building in the Spring. He would like  
182 to have it built to the left by the field from where it is now. He said it would cost \$50,000 to refurbish the  
183 old building and put it to another use as opposed to demolishing it.

184 Ms. Raymond asked if there was water and sewer there. Mr. Pelissier said there is water but no sewer.

185 Ms. Agnowski asked if they had any plans for equipment that they might like to purchase. Mr. Pelissier  
186 said they are okay for right now. He said they planned to purchase a backhoe but it is old technology so  
187 they found the use wheeled excavator for a really good deal. He said they may do some maintenance on  
188 it but it is far cheaper than to replace it.

189 Mr. Raymond asked about the street lights and why it is less than last year. He said that line as far as he  
190 knows, was completely the electricity used to light the LED. Ms. Bender said the electricity rate has gone  
191 down.

192 Ms. Agnowski asked how many vehicles the Highway Department has right now. He said they have 7  
193 dump trucks currently, and a pick-up truck.

194 Ms. Raymond asked if they still use the guys from the State Penitentiary. Mr. Pelissier said they have not  
195 since Covid. He said that money comes out of the General Supply lines.

196 Ms. McKenney asked about the tractor by Allentown Elementary School. Ms. Raymond said it was  
197 bought out of surplus for snow removal at the new school.

198 -LUNCH BREAK-

199 ➤ **Approval of September 30, 2021 and October 28, 2021 Minutes**

200 Chair Boisvert said they do not have the October 28, 2021 minutes.

201 Chair Boisvert said on page 4 of the minutes, they need to fill in Derik Goodine's name. She said on page  
202 7, she thinks they were talking about Trust Fund accounts that were discontinued and had to stay on the  
203 budget until the end of the year.

204 Chair Boisvert said on p. 8, they need to know the time they adjourned. Ms. LaFlame said they adjourned  
205 at 7:46 pm.

206 Ms. Raymond mentioned that Robin Richards should be corrected as a he and not a she when voting on  
207 the prior minutes.

208 Mr. Klawes made a Motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Ms. Agnowski seconded the Motion.

209 Roll Call vote was taken.

210 Melaine Boivert, Aye

211 Julie Keane, Aye

212 Keith Klawes, Aye

213 Carol Angowski, Aye

214 Kris Raymond, Aye

215 Jeffrey Venegas, Aye

216 Deb Carney, Aye

217 Bobbie LaFlame, Aye

218 Sandy Lambert, Aye

220 The Motion passed unanimously.

221 ➤ **TOWN EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

222 Ms. Bender said she wanted to discuss the Selectman salaries, which is a random amount of money. She  
223 said this year she went through and changed it so stipend salaries make round numbers.

224 She said the Minutes line item haven't really changed much, but found the new number trending for the  
225 three Boards listed.

226 Ms. Bender said the Administrative Salaries line has increased due to the new position being created as  
227 previously discussed.

228 She said with regard to the Town Report Printing, they switched vendors a couple of years ago. She  
229 received new estimates that were cheaper but she left it close to the same and that seems to be holding.

230 Ms. McKenney said the Planning Board is going to have a lot of zoning issues and she suggested that they  
231 may want to increase that line item. Ms. Bender said she left a little wiggle room there but will look at  
232 that closer. Ms. Bender said they normally order 250 booklets.

233 Chair Boisvert asked if they have a new copier. Ms. Bender said the current machine is up in June or July.  
234 Mr. Goodine said they may add a couple of more features when they order the new machine.

235 Mr. Goodine said the Mileage line item increased because added the Town Clerk's mileage. He said the  
236 Office Supplies line is going up a little bit because their office supplies have dwindled, but Postage went  
237 down a few hundred.

238 Mr. Goodine said IT services is down a couple of thousand and the website line item went up by \$200.00.  
239 He said they feel like they are able to cut \$5,000 off of the Legal budget.

240 He said there was a 3.7% increase in health insurance costs this year, including the potential new full-time  
241 employee but dental costs went down.

242 Ms. Bender said last year the retirement rate / the Town's contribution to NHRS went up in all cases. She  
243 said the increase in percentage was 11.7% and went up to 14.6% for Town employees.

244 Mr. Goodine said that Unemployment Comp is down by \$500.00 but they did not have to fund it for  
245 several years because they had a reserve pool. He said now they have to start to contribute to it. For  
246 Worker's Comp, it is a \$14,000 reduction because people are being safer.

247 He said for the Planning Board, there was not much of a change except for Minute Transcription which  
248 went up by \$300.00. He said they decided to drop the legal down by \$500.00 because they have not really  
249 used any of that amount this year. He said legal will have to look at some of the proposed Zoning and  
250 Planning Board ordinances before it goes to the Town to vote.

251 Mr. Goodine said Contracted Services for the Planning Board went down by a few hundred because they  
252 are through a few of their major projects. He said this is for Matt Monahan who is there planner through  
253 Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

254 He said Postage went down a bit based on the historical use.

255 For the Zoning Board, the Advertising did go up a bit because they always end up spending more.

256 For General Government Buildings, the Repair and Maintenance (Town Office) can be lowered a bit now  
257 that they are through some of the mechanical issues.

258 Chair Boisvert asked if we have to do any re-zoning or reclassification for the school. Mr. Goodine said  
259 they are allowed to have a school in the Commercial/ Industrial Zone. He said that they want to have the  
260 Project Manager get ahold of Mr. Pelissier to discuss traffic flow.

261 Mr. Goodine said they dropped gas by \$100 and electricity by \$500 for the Town Hall building.



262 He said Property Insurance was reduced by \$10,000 as this rate is based on claims history which has gone  
263 down in recent years which may be due to Covid.

264 Mr. Goodine said the line item for Advertising and Regional Planning Commission membership dues will  
265 go up a couple of hundred based on the population increase.

266 He said for the Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer- "Vehicle Repairs" has increased because he  
267 uses the old Police Chief car for a company car as part of his agreement. The Building Inspector also  
268 receives a stipend for his phone.

269 Mr. Goodine said they gave a small increase to the Emergency Management salary as they have not  
270 received a COLA increase in the last 3.5 years.

271 For "Generator Maintenance"- Mr. Goodine said they service the generators twice a year and the cost will  
272 need to go up for service.

273 He said Welfare Salary went up because they re-divisioned out the amount of time for the Administrative  
274 Assistant, which is really the Finance Assistant. Mr. Goodine said their Welfare costs are really low  
275 compared to what they would be otherwise.

276 He said they made other smaller cuts in Dues and Publications and dropped \$5,000 in their rents based  
277 upon their historical experience of what was spent.

278 Mr. Goodine said they went down on Burials but went up \$500 on Social Services and he believes that will  
279 be to the Community Action Program Budget.

280 He said the Parks and Recreation is for the Community Building and Volunteers Park. He said the Building  
281 Repairs/ Maintenance and also the Equipment Repairs line items have both gone down, but General  
282 Supplies has increased by \$1,900 such as toilet paper and paper towels. Mr. Klawes said there may be a  
283 teaching opportunity on the proper use of toilet papers and paper towels and wastefulness.

284 Mr. Goodine said Electricity does have to go up a bit based on the historical use. He said the line item  
285 "Programs" is for Parks and Recreation programs that will be cut from the Economic Development budget.

286 Mr. Goodine said that the Economic Development line item had a \$2,000 cut which was put into Parks and  
287 Recreation. Ms. Raymond asked if this budget was enough to try something new. Mr. Goodine said they  
288 may try an indoor movie night this winter.

289 He said that for Capital Budget Expenses, they are for highway vehicles which has not changed, and the  
290 fire vehicles were cut from the year before. Part of that money will go to repairing a pump on the fire  
291 vehicle and related expenses.

292 Mr. Goodine said their computer replacement is on a rotating replacement basis so they do not get old  
293 and unsecure.

294 Ms. Angowski said over the years she has been on this Committee, she appreciates the reasonable  
295 budgets that are transparent so that the tax payers have a better idea of what is going on in the Town. She

296 said the Administrative budget does not seem to be unreasonable for the Town and she feels that they are  
297 in good shape.

298 Mr. Goodine said he may want to tackle the Revenues for next week, as well as the Capital Reserves.

299 ➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

300 Chair Boisvert introduced Moe Pauquette, Lieutenant, and Interim Fire Chief Eric Lambert.

301 Mr. Goodine introduced Eric Lambert as the Interim Fire Chief who replaced Paul St. Germaine. Chief  
302 Lambert has been with the Department for 30 years.

303 Chief Lambert said there is not a lot of change in the Fire Department budget. He said the change in the  
304 FD Full-Time Salaries came about because of the exit of Captain McIntosh and he was replaced by  
305 someone with a lower rank, so the number changed from \$115,000 to \$100,000 and that money will go to  
306 the part-time salaries. He said the per diem employees were covering from the part-time salary monies for  
307 a half a year until a full-timer came on board.

308 Chief Lambert said they have two full-time firefighters, and they will have 10 part-time firefighters by the  
309 end of the month.

310 He said there were a couple of line items that had a small increase including Computer/ Software and  
311 Cellular Devices.

312 Lieutenant Paquette explained the differences in rank within the Department, with the Chief being the  
313 highest rank.

314 Chief Lambert said there are a lot of line items that have not changed. He said that overtime went up by  
315 \$100 and there was an increase in gasoline and diesel based on the fact that fuel costs have gone up.

316 Chief Lambert said that equipment testing has stayed the same. He said that if you look at the actuals,  
317 those will be updated in the next week.

318 He said they did just purchase some additional personal protective equipment. Mr. Pauquette said they  
319 will soon be applying for another two grants for the upcoming year depending on what they feel is a  
320 priority in the department.

321 Ms. Angowski asked how many on-call responders do they have. Chief Lambert responded 8, including  
322 himself.

323 Chief Lambert said the Fire Supplies line item went up by \$300, but Public Education and Training-In House  
324 stayed the same. He said the Outside Instruction at the Fire Academy has stayed the same, but Radio  
325 Maintenance went down a bit. He said they may look to a grant to replace one of the radios as they are  
326 quite expensive.

327 Chief Lambert said that the Dispatch line item went up by several thousand dollars for their services. He  
328 said next year may be a decrease in this item. He said Vehicle Repairs went up by \$4,000. He said they

329 have to address an older vehicle that is out of service currently and it could cost up to \$25,000 to get it  
330 back into service.

331 He said that Municipal Hydrants is a contract with Pembroke Water Works and this went up \$200.00, as  
332 well as Fire Department Physicals and Shots.

333 Chief Lambert said EMS Supplies and Sewer stayed the same. Lieutenant Pauquette said they were able to  
334 get some supplies through the State due to Covid. Chief Lambert said that Water went up by \$100.

335 He said that Building Maintenance went up by \$500 and the building is almost 23 years old and they have  
336 some maintenance and repairs that need to be done around the building.

337 Chief Lambert said that Heat and Electricity went up a little bit.

338 Ms. Agnowski asked how many vehicles do they currently have. He said they have 2 fire engines, 1 rescue  
339 truck that has a pump on it that they use for medical calls, 2 side-by-sides and 1 boat.

340 Chair Boisvert asked Chief Lambert if he could get her a summary of all the calls. She also asked if they  
341 had a wish list, what would be on it. He said that they always have a wish list and their biggest thing is  
342 they need to get people back into the department.

343 He said they are projecting to end the year with 900 calls. Lieutenant Pauquette said they receive more  
344 public assistance calls such as for falls, etc, even though they do not necessarily go to the hospital. He said  
345 as a society, obesity has become more prevalent, and they want to make sure they back up the EMTs so  
346 no one gets hurt doing their job.

347 Mr. Klawes said he is still concerned about how many times they roll for Pembroke, and whether the calls  
348 are necessary vs. unnecessary. Lieutenant Pauquette said the teaching has long been that you have  
349 people respond in anticipation of worst case scenario. He said it's better to have them on the road and  
350 cancel, then have them needed and not there. Chief Lambert said there were 4 occasions in one week  
351 where their presence actually made a difference.

352 Ms. Raymond made a motion to adjourn meeting at 2;25 pm, which was seconded by **Mr. \_\_\_\_\_**.

353 Roll Call vote was taken.  
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355 Melaine Boivert, Aye  
356 Julie Keane, Aye  
357 Keith Klawes, Aye  
358 Carol Angowski, Aye  
359 Kris Raymond, Aye  
360 Jeffrey Venegas, Aye  
361 Deb Carney, Aye  
362 Bobbie LaFlame, Aye  
363 Sandy Lambert, Aye

364 The Motion passed unanimously.

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
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