

# Budget Committee Minutes

5:00PM Tuesday, January 30, 2019, Vinalhaven Town Office

## Present

Andy Dorr, Tanya Robishaw, Janann Sherman, Margaret Qualey, Ann Farley, Eric Davis, Bill Alcorn, Lucy McCarthy, Holly Sault.

## Section Review & Discussion

*Meeting started with focus on Revenue and Capital Projects.*

*Opening discussion was on items that are associated with a business that can be taxed. Bill added non- taxed items would include anything used within a year such as nails, plywood, and screws. Leaving Machines and equipment to fall under taxed items, since they are used over time. It was noted that traps, even though plentiful on the island, are not included since traps depreciate and are harder to track to inventory.*

**Revenue:** *Andy discussed the worksheets in detail, and explained each column. Included in the information provided was a break-down of the percentage of the total budget allotted to each department.*

*Areas that have increased revenue were discussed, such as transfer station due to raised sticker, demo, and metal prices. Dog fees are up considerably, showing signs the new animal control officer is working well. Boats and cars were noted as likely staying in the same area, and harder to estimate an increase or decrease.*

*Andy added he is waiting on the audit for more information to provide undesignated funds, one time purchases, and fund balance that may be worth using for one-time items.*

**Capital Reserve and Debt Service:** *Discussion started with focus on the summary for the past two years through year to date. Road repair was noted as an active line.*

*Andy added unless there is a known purchase needed, money is moved to CD.*

*There was discussion on the fire department reserve-noted as having \$25,000. While road repair was noted as costing more than what was put in. Cold patch and calcium chloride are considered routine maintenance. L funding from the state increased from \$35,000 a year to \$109,000 last year. Money will be borrowed for paving. Guardrails on the other hand will not borrow from the reserve.*

*Ann inquired about a donation shown on the worksheet-Chatfield. Andy explained it is money left to the town from an estate in the amount of \$1,300 a year. Andy added that some donations come with interest only restrictions.*

*Old fire hall is the only building that currently has a steady income coming in; rent is \$4,000 a year.*

*Lucy asked what the requested amount for budget is. Andy stated it is \$392,500.*

*Margaret inquired if there are any other "historic sites" needing repair. Andy added that the current "historic sites" are mostly covered with volunteers. The general monument's iron fence and eagle currently have volunteers actively working on them. The Galamander has peaked interest with the selectmen. Inquiries have been made to get costs of repairs to different places; one being the same person that is currently restoring the Coke Bottle monument. Town Garage was said to not be recognized as a historical site.*

***Motion*** by Margaret to move as presented to selectmen. Second by Janann. Vote: All in favor.  
***Motion carried***

## **Agenda for Next Meeting**

*Next meeting will be held February 13, 2019 at 5:00PM. Meeting will focus on Administration (Town Office, Library, CEO, Assessor, Legal, Donations). Andy will look into the ability of having a draft form of the budget book for the website.*