

January 3, 2024

Budget and Finance Minutes

Present: Nancy, Barb Dehart, Pat Harvey, Doon Hinderyckx, Julie Smith, Kristen LaPell, Lois Bond, Frank Severy, Greg White, Robert Meagher.

Board reviewed last meeting.

The committee discussed the new Regional Energy Coordinator position costing the town \$10,174 will now increase as Randolph has back out and their share would be split and increase the amount of money Rochester would need to budget for. Selectboard will discuss at their next selectboard meeting.

Taking the cost out of the budget reduced the budget to 12.36%

Two appropriations we have not received petitions on yet. Both total an amount of \$1,250.00.

The Budget Committee reviewed the list of services and where cuts could be made.

Lois asked about lowering the Park Tree Maintenance line and reducing the amount with the potential Tree Grant. The committee agreed to take \$1000 out.

Julie asked about increasing the zoning permit fees to be in alignment with surrounding towns.

Frank suggested reducing in the Highway Budget the roadside mowing down to \$19,000.00

Budget is currently at 11.57%.

Action Items:

- Put together a proposal for increases and present it at the next selectboard meeting.
- Look to see what can be prepaid out of this year's budget to save next year's budget.
- Greg will scrub the spreadsheet.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Smith