

Town of Deering, N.H. Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

Final Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2023

BAC Members Present:

Stephen Fogelson – Chair
Michelle Johnson – Vice Chair
Lou Ellen Beard
Lori Martinage

BAC Members Absent:

Robert Carter – Secretary

Board of Selectmen present:

Jill Smith
Steve Diers
Roy Watson

Others present:

Meagen Kerris – Interim Town Administrator

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30
2. Review of November 14 meeting minutes
 - a. S Fogelson had a correction. Meagen Kerris was not at the 11/14 meeting. Deletion was made and a motion to approve the minutes as amended was made and seconded.
 - b. Minutes of November 14, 2023, approved as revised.
3. The **Library** proposed budget was reviewed. Representing the Library Trustee's were Betsy Holmes, Eric Stauffer and Susan Thomas.
 - a. Their proposed budget was presented as slightly down from 2023 Budget.
 - b. They presented a Warrant article requesting that the full value in the Deering Library Expendable Trust fund be transferred into the Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. This is roughly \$5,500 - \$6,000.
 - c. They shared a list of maintenance type items including repair of windows, repair/replace the lock set, interior painting, shelving, building sign.
 - d. Discussion on maintenance items and funding pursued.
4. BAC recommendations for the **Library Budget**.
 - a. Recommend adding \$400 to line 249 – Library Building Maintenance.
 - b. Recommend submitting warrant article as presented.

5. The **Cemetery** proposed budget was reviewed. Representing the Cemetery Trustee's were Kay Hartnett, John Reynolds and Kristi LeGore
 - a. Their proposed budget was presented with an increase of \$4,600 – 21.4% over 2023 budget.
 - b. There is a request for funds for many maintenance type projects – including tree removal, stump grinding, iron works, stone repair and maintenance.

6. The BAC recommendations for the **Cemetery** Budget include:
 - a. Recommend line 108 to read \$500 – thus cutting \$3,000.
 - b. Recommend line 109 to read \$17,600 – thus cutting \$4,400.
 - c. No change in line 110 - \$600
 - d. Resulting in an overall 2024 Budget of \$18,700
 - e. Recommend that monies cut above for maintenance type items – tree cutting, iron work, stump grinding, fixing of stones etc. be taken from the Trust Fund Balance.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.