

## **Budget Committee Report 2021**

The Budget Committee met seven times in meetings combined with the Select Board via Zoon due to the pandemic.

This type of meeting leaves much to be desired as far as discussion and voting on budget issues, although perhaps this is the only way it could be accomplished.

We had the cooperation of all department heads, and town administrator, as well as the Select Board.

Our duty is to advise the Select Board and taxpayers on the Budget Committee's opinion regarding the feasibility of passing the budget and special articles.

This year the operating budget is reduced to \$15,817,741. This is a reduction of \$1,240,200 from last year's operating budget. The Budget Committee supported this reduction by a vote of 8-0.

Article 4) Capital Reserve Expendable Trust Funds, \$163,100. Supported 8-0.

Article 5) Transfer from Cemetery Trust, \$3,000. Supported 8-0.

Article 6) Roadway System Upgrades Fund, \$400,000. Supported 8-0.

Article 7) Ambulance Revolving Fund, \$400,000. Supported 8-0.

Article 8) Broadband buildout, \$262,288. Supported 8-0.

The Budget Committee members respectfully ask the taxpayers to also support the work of the Budget Committee, Select Board, administration and department heads.

Thank you,

Roland Patten, chair (2021)

Robert Hanson, vice chair (2021)

Richard Clark (2022)

James Long (2023)

Carl Mabbs-Zeno (2023)

Robert Lambert (2023)

Ronnie McIntire (2021)

Don Parkhurst (2022)

Mandy Sliver (2022)