

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016
6:30 P.M. Town Office Meeting Room

Budget Committee: Thaddeus Day, Kevin Desmond (via phone), Sandra Falsey, Grace Lovell, Keith Thompson, Pamela Ames (arrived late)

Town Staff: Chief Greg Payson, Clark Baston (and Marlee)

Town Manager: Rosemary Roy-absent (home sick ☹)

Work on the Proposed FYE17 Budget:

We went over the assessment letter from Cumberland and its attachments. Pam explained that the assessment is based on Cumberland's actual audited numbers from FY15 and the 2010 census plus 5% for administrative costs.

The group wondered how many rec programs are happening at NYMS and the town's fields.

Sandy asked about the \$37k expense in Recreation's Credit Card Charges line item. Pam said it was probably related to their implementation of an on-line system ActiveNet for most registrations, but it needs further research.

The group was curious about library usage. Thad had his Annual Report with him, so he read us the data (North Yarmouth residents are 28.39% of the card holders and 25.3% of materials borrowed).

Public Works Department: Clark Baston (and his wife Marlee) answered our lingering questions from the last meeting.

He mentioned that the Old Town House Park field was originally designed and constructed for lacrosse, but those teams don't use it.

Public Safety: Chief Payson gave us a summary of NYFR's people assets as well as equipment assets. He patiently and competently answered all of our budget-related questions to everyone's satisfaction.

Capital Budgeting strategy: Thad prompted us to be thinking about this idea...do we wait to buy equipment and bond it or continue as we have been doing by setting aside some money each year until it's time to buy the equipment.

Next Meeting:

-2/29 at 6:30 pm (based on Rosemary's return to work)