

**Fryeburg Budget Committee Minutes**  
**April 4, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**David & Doris Hastings Community Center**

Budget Committee members present: Patrick Emery, Jim Tyrrell, Chiye Harper  
Staff present: Katie Haley, Ruth Antonucci, Rick Buzzell, Lester France, Andy Dufresne, Aaron Mick

Emery called the meeting to order.

Tyrrell made a motion to approve March 28, 2022 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Harper and passed unanimously.

Final budget votes were as follows:

	<i><b>Budget Committee Recommends</b></i>	<i><b>Budget Committee Vote</b></i>	<i><b>Motion/Second</b></i>
Administration	\$ 538,799	3-0	Harper/Tyrrell
Select Board	\$ 15,366	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Planning Board	\$ 2,000	2-0-1	Harper/Tyrrell
Economic Development	\$ 500	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Appeals Board	\$ 500	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Conservation Committee	\$ 5,000	3-0	Harper/Tyrrell
Broadband Committee	\$ 5,000	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Bicycles, Walkways, Trails Com	\$ 2,000	3-0	Harper/Tyrrell
Parks, Opens Space, Beaut. Com	\$ 2,000	3-0	Harper/Tyrrell
Professional Services	\$ 56,813	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
General Assistance	\$ 10,000	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Recreation	\$ 146,887	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Library	\$ 118,437	3-0	Harper/Tyrrell
Police	\$ 736,325	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Fire Department	\$ 228,127	2-0-1	Harper/Tyrrell
Saco Valley Fire Department	\$ 36,925	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Rescue	\$ 128,877	1-1-1	Tyrrell/Harper
Civil Services	\$ 159,873	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Parks	\$ 17,430	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Solid Waste	\$ 507,540	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Debt Service	\$ 17,652	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper
Public Works	\$ 761,000	3-0	Harper/Tyrrell
Miscellaneous	\$ 254,045	3-0	Harper/Tyrrell
Capital	\$ 325,000	3-0	Tyrrell/Harper

The conversation below took place amongst the votes and recommendations:

Harper inquired about the status of broadband improvement efforts. Haley summarized efforts of the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband group.

Tyrrell asked if the fees for rec programs have increased. Buzzell conveyed that the majority are free, but that summer rec camp did go up a bit to cover increased fuel and field trip prices.

Tyrrell asked about the total cost to send a police officer to police academy. The related costs were discussed as well as the reimbursement necessary if an officer goes to another department after Fryeburg pays for police academy. The use of the boats and Humvee was discussed. Tyrrell asked if the police get reimbursed for fair work and extra hours. Haley explained that they do not because the fair contracts for police/security on the actual fairgrounds and the town police are working outside of the fair.

Tyrrell asked about the charging station at the fire department and its use. Dufresne provided an overview of the history of the charging station and the usage.

Tyrrell asked questions about staffing at rescue. He commented that staffing costs, while wages are increasing, should have gone down if rescue only has 1 person at the station and the other is on call, rather than consistently having 2 people at the station. There was a discussion about the collections process and some uncertainty was expressed over the revenues. The impression was that rescue should be closer to self-sustaining. Harper questioned whether other private rescue services are self-funded or get funding from municipalities. Tyrrell expressed concern that Fryeburg residents are paying for calls and extra staffing related to the fair.

Tyrrell asked about the needed roll-off truck at the transfer station and realistic cost for a good roll-off. France conveyed that Sebago bought a nice, road worthy used one for about \$60,000. Harper asked about the cost of a new truck and France commented that it would be a waste to purchase a new one, especially since it never leaves the transfer station. Tyrrell inquired about the procedure to increase the public works equipment capital reserve from \$40,000 to \$80,000 to allow for the purchase of a better truck. Haley outlined the process of making a motion to increase the recommendation and noted that the capital reserve would allow for the purchase of other necessary transfer station equipment if the total amount was not expended on the roll-off.

Harper made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Tyrrell and passed unanimously.