

Fryeburg Budget Committee Minutes
April 3, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
David & Doris Hastings Community Center

Budget Committee Members Present: Ed Price, Patrick Emery, Chiye Harper, Stephen Chase
Town Staff Present: Katie Haley, Ruth Antonucci, Lester France, Aaron Mick, Maryann Eastman
Select Board Present: Kimberly Clarke

Price called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Chase made a motion to approve the March 27, 2022 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Harper and passed unanimously.

The Committee began further review of Fryeburg Rescue budget. Steve Goldsmith introduced Shawn McPhearson of Medical Billing Services. Eric Meltzer was also present. McPhearson provided details on insurances and the amount of money that rescue takes in on calls, noting that it varies based on insurance. It was noted that Goldsmith previously stated that rescue gets about \$300 on a \$1000 transport. McPhearson provided corrected information and noted that rescue gets more like 50%. This was discussed in detail.

Goldsmith noted that rescue has begun charging for taking vitals on a non-transport call and stated this was due to the budget committee mandate. Harper and Chase noted that the committee did not make a mandate but rather made a suggestion and tried to understand why rescue wasn't doing so. McPhearson stated that most rescue services already do this type of billing and Fryeburg rescue is one of the last to begin the practice. Meltzer and Goldsmith indicated that this goes against their mission statement. McPhearson noted that this will increase the numbers shown on the aging report. Clarke wants this to be discussed at a Select Board meeting. Goldsmith responded to some other miscellaneous questions.

The committee made the following votes on recommending each budget:

	<i>Budget Committee Recommends</i>	<i>Budget Committee Vote</i>	<i>Motion/Second</i>
Administration	\$ 593,379	4-0	Chase/Harper
Select Board	\$ 16,898	4-0	Chase/Harper
Planning Board	\$ 2,000	4-0	Chase/Harper
Economic Development	\$ -	4-0	Chase/Harper
Appeals Board	\$ 500	4-0	Chase/Harper
Conservation Committee	\$ 5,000	4-0	Chase/Harper
Broadband Committee	\$ 1,000	4-0	Chase/Harper
Bicycles, Walkways, Trails Com	\$ 2,000	4-0	Chase/Harper
Parks, Opens Space, Beaut. Com	\$ 3,000	4-0	Chase/Harper
Professional Services	\$ 120,331	4-0	Chase/Harper

General Assistance	\$ 10,000	4-0	Chase/Harper
Recreation	\$ 263,283	4-0	Chase/Harper
Library	\$ 130,489	4-0	Chase/Harper
Police	\$ 780,096	4-0	Chase/Harper
Fire Department	\$ 264,722	3-0-1	Chase/Harper
Saco Valley Fire Department	\$ 43,525	4-0	Chase/Harper
Rescue	\$ 142,536	4-0	Chase/Harper
Civil Services	\$ 159,838	4-0	Chase/Harper
Parks	\$ 18,675	4-0	Chase/Harper
Solid Waste	\$ 561,905	4-0	Chase/Harper
Debt Service	\$ 18,540	4-0	Chase/Harper
Public Works	\$ 796,352	4-0	Chase/Harper
Miscellaneous	\$ 277,348	4-0	Chase/Harper
Capital	\$ 278,000	4-0	Chase/Harper

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