Minutes Budget Committee Meeting 8/29/2018

Attendees: Ed Pellon, Dallas Ward, Ann-Marie Evans, Christina Therrien, Dr. Whelan

Decision: We will meet the second Monday in the month at 6:30 PM.

Meeting Notes
This first meeting was to have a general discussion on the budget committee’s responsibilities and to get a broad understanding of the town's financial responsibilities.

- The committee needs to review the ordinance.
- Not required to publish an agenda for the meeting.
- Need to get a handle on items that are/will be multiyear projects.

Areas we need to explore
Capital expenditure accounts for maintenance.

4 Enterprise accounts ambulance, transfer station, tele-business center and Sewer. Suppose to raise enough money to support itself.

Ambulance: Town charges rent to the ambulance. Reasonable and justifiable reason to transfer money between accounts. Ambulance services 11 towns.

Transfer station: Running in the red. The town does not pay its share. 3 towns Whitneyville, Marshfield, Machias and a couple smaller towns. They pay on the contract (contracts run year to year and cannot be modified mid-year.) Shows as a negative which is added as a shortfall. They subsidize us.

- Taxes would need to be raised so we could set aside monies for this.
- Need a vote to put what we owe into it.
- Can we get grants to help with the transfer station?
- Compactor unexpected expense.
- Our bag sales are by town. They keep theirs we keep ours. Bag sales (not shared), Demo (Shared if not from our residence). We estimate $40,000.00 in bag sales.
- We are in competition with Mark Wright. Can pay less to go to Mark Wright.

Tele-business Center: Built with state grant – own it free and clear.
Trouble getting renters-deed restriction can’t sell it without approval.
Showed the building last week to a renter. Will be running at a deficit.

Last year about $23,000.00, took a small loss. If it is fully rented it makes the town money.

School Budget: Ran out of time to discuss
Airport: Ran out of time to discuss

Insurance claims on the 2 light poles that were taken down this week.

The committee needs to pick one or 2 accounts to focus on.