Minutes Budget Committee Meeting 11/15/2018

Attendees: Ed Pellon, Dallas Ward, Ann-Marie Evans, Sandra Clifton, Dr. Whelan

Meeting Notes

**Tele-business Center**

3 options:

1. Sell to Wild Blueberry for $250,000.00
   a. Pro’s: Offer on the table now, increase tax base, could recoup funds from the improvements done, no longer a landlord, remaining funds could be used for town improvements
   b. Con’s: Value may be closer to $350,000.00
2. Move the town office to Tele-business Center
   a. Pro’s: Bigger space, could put the current town office up for sale and use the money any way we wish.
   b. Con’s: Up front cost and disruption of the move. May need to reconfigure the center, no one has shown interest on purchasing the town office. Tele-business center out of the way. Don’t know the current value of the Town office.
3. Move Sherriff office
   a. Pro’s: ??
   b. Con’s: No offer currently from the State. Nothing to consider at this point.

Recommendation of the budget committee: After careful consideration, the Budget Committee recommends that the town sell the Tele-business center to Maine Wild Blueberry. This sale would get us out of the rental business, add a bit more tax-revenue to the coffers, allow us to recoup the monies spent on the building, and hopefully, allow us to make some improvements in town for the future.

**Next meeting December 13**th - Topic for discussion - Transfer Station.

The Transfer station continues to cost the town money, adding to the debt every year. Is it time to consider privatizing the operation? What are our options? What do we need to look at. What are our current obligations?

When is Denny retiring? What happens when he does?

When will the compactor be delivered and installed?

**January 10th 2019 meeting** - Topic for discussion – School Budget – we would like Scott Porter to attend.

Biggest cost the town has. Are there any areas that we could reduce cost? Consolidating supply purchases? Taking another look at benefits.