

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019  
6 PM ASHLAND FIRE STATION

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Present Eli Badger, Sue Harville, David Ruell, Lee Nichols, Sandra Coleman, and Jeanette Stewart. Town Manager Charlie Smith was also present. Sherrie Downing came in late.

Sandra asked questions about the increase in the town manger's salary. Where it is going to come from. The town manager said it was coming from the electric and the water and sewer.

Sherrie asked about the court hearing and why the selectmen chose to change the next date. The town manager did not know the answer. The chairman told Sherrie to talk to the selectmen about this. The chairman stated that since it was two of the selectmen's fault for this case that she feels they should pay some of the legal fees out of their pocket.

LR Planning Commission line was talked about and questioned by Sherrie Downing. The chairman explained that the town has to pay the amount that is stated.

David asked about the treasurer's line and the town manager explained it out to David.

The budget was talked about and the next meeting will be the second Tuesday in September. The meeting will be taped by the PBS.

Lee explained that the electric line for the \$42,000 for the town should show as a wash and it doesn't.

The chairman asked what was in the unused surplus account and the town manager will find out. The chairman stated there was probably about 1 million dollars in the account.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm by Chairman Stewart.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Stewart  
Chairman