

**Ashland Budget Committee**  
**Minutes of meeting December 14, 2021**

Chairman Stewart called a roll call at 5 pm. Present were Kendall H, here, David U, here, Eli B, here, David R, here, Jeanette S, here. Sandra C, here. Lee N was absent with notice.

Also present at the meeting were Alan C., selectman, Fred, town manager, Marissah, administrative assistant. Will U, and Patsy T.

The town clerk/ tax collector presented her budget to the committee.

Sandra C asked when the town clerk/ tax collector would be going back to work full time and she stated as soon as her doctor releases her.

Patsy finished her presentation at 6:05 pm.

The police chief Will Ulwick started the presentation of his budget at

6:06 pm. Will will be starting the DARE program with the school sometime in March of 2022. Will stated he does a rotation of the vehicles based on the mileage. A PSU student is doing his internship with the Ashland Police Department.

Chairman Stewart brought up about a line for patriotic purposes. She stated the amount was \$4500. Will will check to make sure this is the correct amount. There are presently 6 full time and 2 part time police officers in the police department. Will said he kept his budget as low as possible. The committee asked a few questions. The committee was pleased with the budget that the Police Chief submitted.

The department needs to buy vest this year for the new officer.

Following the police chief the town manager presented the budget for the water and sewer department as the manager of the water and sewer is ill. He started presenting his budget at 6:50 pm.

The town manager stated that a bond for 20 to 30 years for the sewer department will be placed on the warrant this year.

Fred stated that they will be tracking the monthly income for all 3 utilities. They will be keeping close track everything that is going on in these departments to make sure everything goes as planned.

One of the lagoons is cracked and will need to be fixed.

Hopefully everything will work out and the water and sewer departments will go as planned.

The committee discussed having the school meeting in the cafeteria with the school on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. Everyone was ok with that.

The chairman asked about wearing masks and the whole committee agreed to wear masks at the next meeting. The chairman will post when she posts the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Stewart, Chairman, Ashland Budget Committee