

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Members present: Hughes, Ruell, Nichols, Lyford, Barney, Unangst, Coleman

Others present: Town Manager Fred Welch, Finance Director Marissah Gallien, Water & Sewer Superintendent Andrew Benton

Review of Budgets. Virtually all of the meeting was devoted to review of budgets, with explanations, comments, questions and answers.

The Committee reviewed several budgets with the Town Manager and the Finance Director, including Executive, Election & Registration, Property Taxation, Legal, Personnel Administration, Land Use Boards, General Government Buildings, Cemetery, Insurance, Economic Development Committee, Building Inspector, Emergency Management, Health Officer, Animal Control, General Assistance, Patriotic Purposes, Conservation Commission, Debt Service Principal, Interest Long Term Bonds, and Interest Tan Notes.

The Committee reviewed the Water and Sewer Department budgets, with the Superintendent, the Finance Director and the Town Manager.

The Committee reviewed the Electric Department budget with the Finance Director and the Town Manager.

The Committee reviewed the Parks & Recreation budget with Parks & Recreation Director Barney.

Future Meetings. The committee will meet on Thursday, December 21, to begin working on the Town budgets and on Tuesdays, January 2 and 9, for the school budgets. The plan is to meet on Wednesday, January 10, with the selectmen, to review warrant articles.

David Ruell, Acting Secretary