

**Town of Sullivan, NH**  
**Budget Committee**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 14, 2021**  
**Sullivan Town Hall**

Board members present: Al Merrifield, Chairman, Mike Blanchard, Dave Jakeway, Gary Patnode, BJ Wahl

Representatives: Marsha Cook, Selectmen

Others:

Staff: Kathleen Rowe, Secretary

1. Call to Order: Alfred Merrifield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Election of Chair: On a nomination by D. Jakeway, seconded by M. Blanchard, Alfred Merrifield was unanimously elected Chair of the 2021 Budget Committee. All aye.
3. Scheduling: After discussion, the meeting schedule for the 2022 budget will be:

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Library

Conservation

Planning

Cemetery

Recreation

Highway

Associated Capital Reserves

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Fire/Emergency Management

Selectmen

Associated Capital Reserves

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – 6:00 PM

School Board

Budget Committee Recommendations

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – 7:00 PM (Notice to be posted no later than 2/18/2022)

Joint School and Town Public Hearing

M. Cook suggested any warrant articles with financial consideration be reviewed at the time of department reviews, along with department operating budgets.

M. Cook advised that the operating budget as currently written is \$5,362 more than the 2021 operating budget; additionally, there will be a warrant article for \$20,000 for Fire Department breathing equipment.

M. Cook noted that the Town recently approved \$21,000 from ARPA funding to replace the Cascade compressor for the Fire Department.

4. Meeting Format: Meetings will be held in person at the Town Hall. Chairman Merrifield asked if it was necessary to hold remote hearings; after discussion, meetings will not be held remotely, barring unforeseen events.

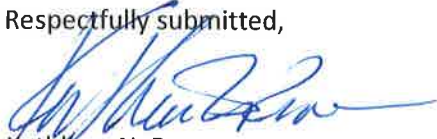
5. Other Business:

- John Bolles has resigned from the Budget Committee; there are now seven members, a quorum of four members.
- G. Patnode asked if department/committee meetings would be in the same order as 2021; Chairman Merrifield confirmed they would. (Note: a/o 12/15/21 Highway and Fire Dept have switched dates as Fire Chief is not available until December 28, 2021.)
- M. Cook noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Town Hall (old Police Station area) is being cleaned and refurbished for the Planning Board and Conservation Committee's use as offices.

6. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:32PM made by BJ Wahl, seconded by G. Patnode, all aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen N. Rowe  
Secretary