

Town of South Thomaston, Maine: Budget Committee minutes Meeting #4

Thursday January 30, 2014

Present:

**Selectmen** - Robert Branco, Dorothy Meriwether, Absent: Dianne Darling

**Budget committee members** - Moira Paddock, Gayle Gallant, Donna Withington, Gary Skarka, Don Protheroe. Absent: Rebecca Geesey and Ray Wooster

**Town Administration** - John Spear

**Guests** - Adelbert Elliot, Edith Elliot, Elsie Brown, Sonja Sleeper

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Minutes from the 1-29-2014 meeting were reviewed.

Gayle Gallant moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Moira Paddock seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Paving Reserve (690-57)**

Donna Withington moved to strike \$35,000.00 from the Paving Reserves.

Gayle Gallant seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Operating Transfers to Reserve Funds (690)**

Previous, preliminary, sub-category approvals were reviewed. The budget committee total (\$69,500.00) differs with the selectmen (\$84,500.00) by \$15,000.00. The selectmen approved \$15,000.00 towards the construction of a fire escape and shower in the fire department, the budget committee did not.

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$69,500.00.

Gary Skarka seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Final Budget Review**

John Spear presented three documents: An updated copy of the final 2014 Budget Summary, a memo informing the select board and budget committee of the approximate general fund balance and a message received by the fire chief from the Fire Marshal's Office.

Each preliminary approval was reviewed.