



Town of South Thomaston, Maine  
125 Spruce Head RD  
P.O. Box 147  
South Thomaston, ME 04858-0147

## **Budget Committee Meeting**

February 1, 2017

Moira Paddock, Chair (present)	Gayle Gallant (present)	Jeff Northgraves (present)
A Bosica (present)	Sonja Sleeper (present)	Alan Hall (present)
Donna Withington (present)		

Also present: Selectboard (Budget Meetings are 'joint' meetings of the Selectboard and Budget Committee),

Meeting Opened at 6:13 PM.

The minutes from the 1/26/17 budget meeting were reviewed and some minor changes made. Donna Withington moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by A Bosica. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

The meeting began by reviewing each of the previous preliminarily approved budgets for final approval. As we completed each department, the selectboard did their own review.

**510 Administration (\$198,264)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$198,264, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

**520 Assessors (\$39,122)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$39,122, Alan Hall seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

**530 Planning and Appeals Boards (\$1,500)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$1,500, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

**540 Building & Grounds (\$35,498)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$35,498, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

**550 Town Landing (\$4,100)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$4,100, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**

**560 CEO & Plumbing Inspector (\$19,849)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$19,849, A Bosica seconded. Sonja Sleeper moved to amend the motion to include an increase of \$400 for a decibel meter. No second so the motion to amend died. **Original motion of \$19,849 Passed 7-0.**

**570 Fire Department (\$114,036)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$114,036, Alan Hall seconded. Noted that the budget committee had requested that \$6,500 of this be funded from the Reserve and \$7,500 be funded from Surplus. **Motion Passed 6 - 1.**

**580 Ambulance Service (\$129,447)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$129,447, A Bosica seconded. Noted that the budget committee had requested the \$6000 for the bridge contingency/ closure be funded from Surplus. **Motion Passed 7-0.**



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- 590 Unclassified Public Safety (\$23,229)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$23,229, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 600 Street Lights (\$8,200)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$8,200, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 610 Town Roads (\$216,819)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$216,819, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 630 Solid Waste Disposal (\$208,562)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$208,562, Alan Hall seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 640 Social Services (\$1,500)** ) Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$1,500, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 650 Library(\$1,500)** ) Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$1,500, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 660 Recreation (\$1,010)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$1,010, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 670 Debt Services (\$26,406)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$26,406, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 690 Reserve Funds (\$77,900)** ) Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$77,900, A Bosica seconded. Request for breakdown:
- Revaluation Reserve \$10,000
  - Fire Truck Reserve \$35,000
  - Fire Equip Reserve \$0
  - Ambulance Reserve \$10,000
  - Amb Defibulator Res \$5,000
  - Town Landing Reserve \$3,900
  - Paving Reserve \$0
  - Cemetery Reserve \$1,000
  - Building Reserve \$0
  - Fire Truck Repair Res \$8,000
  - Emergency Disaster Reserve \$5,000
- Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 695 Unclassified -Cemetery-Geo. River Shellfish-Veterans (\$20,542)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$20,542, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 702 Capital Expense (\$10,049)** Donna Withington moved to give final approval of \$10,049, A Bosica seconded. **Motion Passed 7-0.**



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For a total approved budget of \$1,137,534, The selectboard also approved the same amounts and therefore we have no differences to be reported in the warrant.

The Selectman Jan Gaudio presented the selectboards recommendations for funding the budget. In summary it included \$621,675 from Appropriation, \$104,810 from Anticipated Revenue, \$358,000 from Excise, \$16,549 from Reserve or Loan, and \$36,500 from Surplus. With the Commitment Reducing Revenues this brings the budget \$62,851 below the Tax Levy Limit of \$580,153. No additional suggestions were made by the budget committee.

Discussion of use of Surplus followed with additional information presented by Jeff Northgraves. Moira added that there was an additional option on surplus - the expenses which must be met in the highest expense month - and she recommended the selectboard keep the higher amount in surplus since it has taken 7 years to get to this position.

This was general information for use by the selectboard if they choose to use it when figuring out the mil rate once all the towns obligations from school and county are known. No action requested or taken.

Budget committee will need to meet one more time just to approve the final minutes. Selected Monday February 6th at 4:50 PM.

Donna Withington moved to adjourn, seconded by Alan Hall.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted Gayle Gallant