

**Town of Wayne  
Budget Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Members:** Emily Clifton, Carol Ladd, Jim Perkins, David Stevenson, Eric Stinneford

**Date:** March 26, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Place:** LADD RECREATION CENTER

**This meeting will be held both live at the Ladd Recreation Center on the Gott Road and remote via ZOOM instructions below Join Zoom Meeting**

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*We ask that each member of the public identify themselves to participate in the meeting for record-keeping purposes.*

1. Members Present / Quorum.
2. Call to Meeting to Order.
3. Meeting Minutes.
  - Approve minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting
4. Old Business.
  - Revisit Public Safety from last meeting
  - Road Committee recommendations
  - Continue budget work on the following line items
    - **PUBLIC WORKS**
      - **Roads**
      - **Transfer Station and Landfill**
      - **Lands & Buildings**
      - **Conservation and Parks**
  - Revisit tabled items for discussion (see attachment)

5. New Business.

- Road Committee future recommendations

6. Other Business.

- Updates, if available, on news from RSU 38 Budget, Kennebec County (and others?)

7. Public Comments.

8. Next Agenda Items.

9. Adjourn.

## Attachment

### Tabled discussion points:

(A) Contingency: During our conversation at the March 12th meeting, and also before that, several voices suggested that contingency planning could, and perhaps should, be targeted toward expected areas of the budget such as legal costs especially when there is some reason to expect a need may arise. Should we add to our agenda for April 9th consideration of the likelihood of a need for legal expenses in the aftermath of the vote on the proposed moratorium affecting development or operations of the former Beaver Brook campground? And if so, should we consider and forward to the Select Board a recommendation for a certain amount? And otherwise, should we ask them to consider and recommend a figure that they think would be prudent?

(B) We talked over the need for a level of confidence in the officials in charge of deciding to use the fund. Should the Budget Committee send advice to the Select Board suggesting a slightly higher standard such as requiring a 'super-majority vote' of the Board for allowing funds to be dispersed from an expanded Contingency Fund?

(C) We also noted that there is an occasional but conceivable need for very prompt action (such as a washed-out road or a tree falling and blocking a school bus route): Should the Budget Committee send to the Select Board the advice that the Select Board Chair and/or Town Manager and/or Fire Chief would be authorized to have appropriate, limited, emergency decision-making power?

(D) Stan Davis had sent us a note suggesting a figure, perhaps \$75,000, be authorized for a first-year payment, but only in the event a proposal to expend broadband service to the entire town via the Spectrum cable system is approved in an upcoming vote. At our March 12 meeting, there seemed to be consensus that there should be some figure included in the budget to be prepared for that eventuality. Should the Budget Committee advise the Select Board that the figure of \$75,000 is appropriate? If not, is there another amount?