

# TOWN OF PATTEN

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## PATTEN SELECT BOARD / BUDGET COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

**Location:** Public Works Garage, 21 Katahdin Street, Patten, ME 04765

**Date & Time:** Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4:00pm

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Called to order by Cody Brackett at 4:30. The start time of the meeting was delayed due to a lack of Budget Committee members.

#### ROLL CALL

**Select Board Members:** Cody Brackett, Chair; Gregg Smallwood, Vice-Chair; Dennis Kelly, Rae Bates, Janice Dancer

**Budget Committee Members:** Doris DeRespino, David Michaud, Henry Rauschnot

**Budget Committee Members Absent:** Donald Adams, Kathy Howes

**Town Employees:** Gail Albert, Town Manager; Billie Doody, Town Clerk; Kevin Noyes, Public Works Director; Brett Morse, Emergency Public Safety Director

**Public:** Randy Bossie

#### NEW BUSINESS - 2024 Budget Discussion

##### Unanticipated Expenses

**Motion** made by G. Smallwood to approve \$10,000 for unanticipated expenses. Seconded by C. Brackett, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

##### Ambulance Department

**Motion** made by G. Smallwood to approve a budget of \$798,732 for the Ambulance Department, and \$30,000 for the Ambulance Reserve to go towards a new ambulance. Seconded by C. Brackett, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

##### Fire Department

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$126,700 for the Fire Department, \$30,000 to the Fire Truck Reserve, and \$15,000 to the Fire Building Capital. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

##### Cemetery Operations

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$23,650 for cemetery operations. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Animal Control**

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$11,550 for animal control. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Municipal Trash**

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$24,515.50 for municipal trash. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Septage**

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$13,000 for septage disposal. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Highway Department Operations**

**Motion** made by G. Smallwood to approve a budget of \$216,350 for highway department operations. Seconded by D. Kelly, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Highway Capital Improvements**

**Motion** made by G. Smallwood to approve a budget of \$201,728 for highway capital improvements. Seconded by D. Kelly, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Winter Roads**

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$191,400 for winter roads. Seconded by D. Kelly, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **General Government**

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$522,708 for general government operations. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Library**

**Motion** made by G. Smallwood to approve a budget of \$57,920 for library operations. Seconded by D. Kelly, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

#### **Parks and Recreation and Patten Pioneer Days**

**Motion** made by R. Bates to approve a budget of \$15,000 for Parks and Recreation events and up to \$5,000 for Patten Pioneer Days, all from the Culture and Recreation Reserve. Seconded by J. Dancer, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

**Miscellaneous Budget Items**

**Motion** made by G. Smallwood to approve budgets for the following:

- Streetlights - \$17,000
- Fire Protection - \$26,000
- Highway Capital Equipment - \$15,000
- General Assistance - \$2,000
- Tax Abatements - \$10,000
- Tax Maps / Revaluation - \$70,000

Seconded by D. Kelly, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

**Water Department**

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$94,150 for water department operations. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

**Sewer Department**

**Motion** made by G. Smallwood to approve a budget of \$54,150 for sewer department operations. Seconded by D. Kelly, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

**Non-Municipal Organizations**

**Motion** made by C. Brackett to approve a budget of \$13,022 for non-municipal organizations. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by D. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm. Seconded by G. Smallwood, no discussion heard. **Approved 8/0/2 absent.**

Meeting Minutes for March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Approved by the Select Board and Budget Committee on August 20, 2024

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Cody Brackett, Chair

Gregg Smallwood  
Gregg Smallwood, Vice-Chair

Janice Dancer  
Janice Dancer

Dennis Kelly  
Dennis Kelly

Rae Bates  
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Henry Rauschnot  
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Doris DeRespino  
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David Michaud