

**Budget Committee  
Town of Alton  
Thursday, October 27, 2011  
Minutes Approved November 1, 2011**

1. **Call to order 6:02 pm**

2: **Roll Call:**

Marc DeCoff , Chair  
Virgil MacDonald, Member  
Barbara Howard, Member  
Loring Carr , Selectmen's Representative  
Steve Miller, Vice Chair

Other attendees

Russ Bailey, Town Administrator  
Shirley Lane, Cemetery Chairman  
Raymond Howard, Cemetery  
Karen Poor, Cemetery  
John Dever, III, Building/Code Enforcer

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**L. Carr Motion to approve Minutes as amended, M. Decoff seconds, all approved  
Motion pass 5-0**

5. **Approval of Agenda**

**Move Code Enforcement Officer before Cemetery.**

**L. Carr motion to accept agenda as amended V. MacDonald seconds, all in favor.  
Motion passed 5-0**

6. **Old Business**

M. DeCoff informed S. Miller that legal option, waiting for J. Sessler to give us something.

Rep that was brought into the Police Department is 85.00/hour

7. **New Business**

Budget review of Cemetery, Code Enforcement and General Government, Legal, Insurance. Benefits

## **Code Enforcement – 4192**

Budget to be reviewed line by line

Discussion: There is not a lot of difference in this budget. S. Miller every department manager goes through it line by line.

**Motion by V. MacDonald to approve bottom line without talking about it.**

**Vote Taken: L. Carr Yes, V. MacDonald Yes, B. Howard No, S. Miller No, M. Decoff No  
Motion failed 3-2**

**Code Enforcement review complete**

## **Cemetery - 4195**

**B. Howard stated that her husband is a cemetery trustee and I don't think I'll have an issue with it but if anyone would like me to recuse myself .**

### **011 – Caretaker**

Selectmen are recommending 24,000 and a 7/12 position. The cemetery closes down for 5 months per year. L. Carr stated that it is going back to the way it used to operate.

Selectman feels that it is not a full time position. Selectmen have had this opinion for the last 3 years. Discussed at deliberative session. For 30-40 years plus it was a part time position. It has been a full time position for the past 5-6 years.

**S. Miller made Motion to take part time wages down to 1;00 and bring 011 full time account to 32, no second on the motion.**

**Cemetery will take back budget to rework numbers and re-present to the BOS.**

5 Minute break at 7:07

Meeting called back to order

## **General Government – 4130**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**General Government review complete**

**Budget Committee – 4131**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Budget Committee review complete**

**Computers, Telephone and Cell phone - 4145**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Computers, Telephone and Cell Phone review complete**

**Benefits – 4155**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**833 - Health/Dental**

Health and Dental came in at 11% increase

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Benefits review complete**

**Street Lights - 4136**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Street Lights review complete**

**Hazardous Waste – 4326**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Hazardous Waste review complete**

**Welfare –4442**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Welfare review complete**

**Gilman Museum - 4575**

Budget items reviewed line by line

5 Minute Break

**Meeting called back to order**

**Gilman Museum review complete**

**Patriotic - 4583**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Patriotic review complete**

**Conservation -4612**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Conservation review complete**

**Short Term Debt - 4723**

Budget items reviewed line by line

**Short Term Debt review complete**

**8. Public Input**

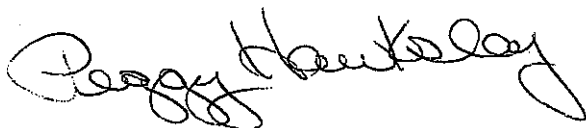
No public input seen or heard

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn, B. Howard, All in favor,**

Adjournment approximately 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Hawksley



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