

Town of Deering, N.H. Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

Approved Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2023

BAC Members Present:

Stephen Fogelson – Chair
Michelle Johnson – Vice Chair
Lou Ellen Beard
Laura Martinage
Robert Carter – Secretary

Board of Selectmen present:

Jill Smith
Steve Diers
Roy Watson

Others present:

Meagen Kerris – Interim Town Administrator

1. Meeting called to order at 6:31
2. Review of October 17 meeting minutes
 - a. L. Beard made motion to approve the minutes as presented
 - b. M. Johnson seconded the motion
 - c. Minutes of October 17, 2023 approved as submitted
3. The Police Department Budget was presented by Tom Cavanaugh – Acting Chief.
 - a. The Department anticipates the return of staff, including Mark Philibert, once deployment has ended – likely between mid-November and January
 - b. There are currently 3 part-time officers providing service to the Town, with a 4th part-time potential officer.
 - c. Potential officers must complete training at the police academy
 - d. Enticing potential officers is largely a function of offered benefit package and salary.
 - e. The Town of Deering starting salary is competitive with nearby communities.
 - f. Discussion ensued.
4. The BAC recommended:
 - a. Line 130 Professional Services - add \$1.00 to cover additional services from outside sources with funds from netting labor from Police Dept. item 115.
 - b. Line 131 Police Vehicle – fuel – remove \$742.00 to maintain \$10,000 budget as in 2023
 - c. Line 133 Police – Telephone – reduce from \$3,500 to \$3,000
 - d. Line 134 Police Mobile Phone – increase by \$500 from \$1,750.00 to \$2,250.00

5. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.