

**St George Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2021**

Members:

Susan Ellis, Chair -Present  
Richard Cohen  
Scott Vaitones, Secretary-Present  
David Percival - Present  
Elizabeth May - Present  
Chris Williamson - Present  
Irene Ames-Absent  
Rick Erb – Town Manager-Present  
Tara Elwell-Present

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Susy introduced Rick Erb

It was noted that the format of the financial statements was different. Tara noted that she sent new Financials out in the morning on November 1, 2021 that follows the format of the previous reports. Reviewed all accounts by Department

Revenues

acct 4000 - what is the timing here? How many payments per year? This comes in monthly  
4571 - does the homestead exemption come in one payment? Twice a year.

Is excise low? Excise on boats expires December 31. Many wait until They put boat back in in the spring to reregister

Cold storage is interest earned

Town Office

Appears over budgeted. Turnover in employees at lower rates

Gained two employees with family plan and lost two on single.

Advertising up public hears and job ads.  
When will roof be done? Spring.

Select Board / Assessors  
No questions

Planning  
No Questions

#### Fire Department

If training and equipment carried forward from last year? Yes

Emergency management position is not being paid and that is why not in the budget.

#### Animal Control

No questions

#### Roads/Property Mgt.

Still some pavement to be done this fall if weather holds.

Why current cost for sand / salt. Stockpiling for winter

#### Solid Waste

Open top containers purchased from the reserve account.

What is the 8265 ? The Compact building reserves

#### General Assistance

No questions

#### Soc/Community Services

Ambulances wanted two payments instead of 1.

Why cemeteries over \$1,500 over payment that has now been returned

This account is up because of onetime payment \$10,000 to the St. George Community Development for broad band.

#### Recreation

Why are utilities up? All the Porta Poti get paid here.

What is the \$2,000 for Tennis Courts? The Lipson fund does not cover everything.

#### Harbors

July is principal on loan then December is interest payment and an administrative fee in April.

Also, for 10 Cold Storage did not budget additional income because site would be under construction

#### Unclassified

Family health will run over Contingency may not cover but other funds can be used.

Jump in unpaid taxes

Exposure of unpaid leaves

Next meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> Selectboard budget meeting

Adjourned at 6:51 pm all present voting to adjourn

Minutes approved by the Budget Committee on January 24, 2022

Scott Vaitones

Secretary to the St. George Town Budget Committee