

**Town of Seabrook
Budget Committee
November 11, 2025**

Members Present; Chris LeClaire, Chairman, Justin Packard, Vice Chairman, Ell Brown, Sam Merrill, George Corde, Beach Rep, Michele Knowles, School Rep, Aboul Khan, Selectmen Rep., Bill Manzi, Town Manager

LeClaire opened the meeting at 6:30PM with the pledge of allegiance.

LeClaire stated that the committee needs to nominate a chairman and vice chairman,

-To nominate Chris LeClaire as chairman,

Motion: E Brown

Second: A Khan

Yes: Brown, Khan, Packard, Corde, Knowles, Merrill

Abstain: LeClaire

Motion Passed

-To nominate Justin Packard as vice chairman,

Motion: A Khan

Second: S Merrill

Yes: Brown, Khan, LeClaire Corde, Knowles, Merrill

Abstain: Packard

Motion Passed

Manzi he stated that this is the second year that the water and sewer is in its own enterprise. Water came in just under a 3% increase and sewer came in under a 2% increase within their budgets. He said that both departments took debt service in the last cycle and will come online in 2026, that debt service will force some sort of rate increase, which the selectmen will have before them soon. Which is one of the biggest changes within the budgets for water and sewer.

Curtis Slayton, Water and Sewer Superintendent was present for the meeting. He presented his budgets to the board. He stated that there hasn't been much investment in the infrastructure for water and sewer, but said that we have to invest consistently in the upkeep within the departments, which they have been doing this year, as a result in warrant articles passing in March. He stated that the presses at the sewer department have been needing a lot of work and hoping to get a new press, as a lot of money and work have been put into fixing them. Packard asked if the town building pay water and sewer fees, Manzi stated as of now they do not, but that will have to go in front of the selectmen, as true enterprise town own buildings would be charged. Packard asked about charge backs, as some other towns are doing it, Manzi stated

charge backs are common in Massachusetts, and they are a function of the enterprise, but hasn't discussed with the Board of Selectmen, but will approach them with the policy. Manzi stated that the revenues are an estimate and will bring a memo and more solid numbers of revenues to the committee the next meeting. Corde asked if the sewer bonds that were voted in at town meeting are on track and not hurting the budget, Slayton said that they are on track and appropriated fine. LeClaire asked why the maintenance articles aren't in the budget, Slayton said that they better as warrant articles rather in the budget, as the budget number will be higher and most likely be defeated at the town election.

-To approve budgets

520 Water, \$1,667,280

720 Water Healthcare, \$653,397

20-800 Water Debt, \$1,459,144

Motion: S Merrill

Second: A Khan

All in Favor

-To approve budget 520 Water Revenue, \$3,924,339

Motion: A Khan

Second: E Brown

All in Favor

-To approve budgets

521 Sewer, \$2,211,250

721 Sewer Healthcare, \$293,652

21-800 Sewer Debt, \$744,905

Motion: S Merrill

Second: G Corde

All in Favor

-To approve budget 521 Sewer Revenue, \$3,792,400

Motion: A Khan

Second: G Corde

All in Favor

-To approve Article 6, Operating Budget, Water, \$3,779,821

Motion: E Brown

Second: A Khan

All in Favor

-To approve Article 7, Operating Budget, Sewer, \$3,249,807

Motion: E Brown

Second: G Corde

All in Favor

-To approve Article 8, Well Maintenance, \$65,000

Motion: E Brown

Second: A Khan

All in Favor

-To approve Article 9, Water Meters, \$35,000

Motion: J Packard

Second: A Khan

All in Favor

Chairman LeClaire stated that the next meeting is tomorrow, November 12th, which will be the recreation department and public works department.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:02PM.