

Town of Patten

Budget Committee Ordinance

Section 1. Establishment.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001, a Budget Committee is hereby established for the Town of Patten, Maine.

Section 2. Composition; appointment; qualifications; terms; vacancies.

The Committee shall consist of four members who shall be elected at Town Meeting and who shall be registered voters of the Town. No other official or employee of the Town may be a member. Members shall serve for terms of three years, except that they shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. (For transition purposes, the initial terms shall be staggered so that as nearly an equal number of terms shall expire annually.) Vacancies shall be filled within thirty days by appointment of the municipal officers for the unexpired term.

Section 3. Powers and duties; authority; recommendations; official cooperation.

The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To review and make recommendations on the annual operating budget as proposed by the municipal officers.
- b. To review and make recommendations on annual capital expenditures as proposed by the municipal officers.
- c. To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and other budgetary action whenever proposed by the municipal officers.
- d. To make such other recommendations on fiscal matters as it may from time to time deem advisable.

The committee's authority shall be advisory only. Any recommendation on a matter requiring Town Meeting action shall be printed with the article in the warrant and on the ballot, if any, along with such other recommendations as may be included by the municipal officers or required by law. The municipal officers shall cooperate with and provide the Committee with such information as may be reasonable, necessary and available to enable it to carry out its function under this ordinance.

Section 4. Meeting Dates.

The Committee will meet independently of the Select Board as many times as they deem necessary and present their final recommendations at a Select Board meeting prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

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Section 5. Severability.

The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance shall not be held to invalidate any other section or provision.

Disclaimer:

This Ordinance shall not in any way affect compliance with any other Town of Patten Ordinance.

Approved by the Patten Planning Board on December 19, 2024.

Approved by the Patten Select Board on January 6, 2025.

Approved by the Town of Patten residents on April 23, 2025.

Attested: True Copy


Town Clerk

Adopted in 1996

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