

Peter L. Griswold, Chair
Frederick A. Lynk, Vice Chair
Christopher P. Nobile, Secretary
Peter J. Kahn
Michele A. Tourangeau
Sheldon Drucker, 1st Alternate
Barbara Ferraro, 2nd Alternate



Ogunquit Budget Review Committee

**Ogunquit Budget Review Committee
28 August 2023
9:00 AM – Meeting
Dunaway Community Center
23 School Street, Ogunquit, Maine**

Minutes

9:00 AM MEETING

1.0 WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – All 5 BRC Members were present along with Town Manager
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- 1.3 BRC Minutes August 24, 2023.
 Tabled till next meeting.

Griswold made motion: “Move 2.1 till after discussion of 2.3 which is draft of recommendations to Select Board” Second by Lynk. Passed 5-0

- 1.4 Conduct of Future BRC meetings – Chair

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 2.2 Vote on remaining monetary warrants for November 7th Special Town Election:
 - a. Grants Reserve (New) - \$20,000
Nobile made motion “Approve a new Grants Reserve \$20,000.” Tourangeau second. Passed 5-0
 - b. Natural Disaster Reserve - \$25,000
Kahn made motion “Approve Natural Disaster Reserve \$25,000” Lynk second. Passed 5-0
 - c. Contingency Reserve - \$5,000
Nobile made motion “Approve Contingency Reserve \$5,000.” Tourangeau second. Passed 4 (Tourangeau, Griswold, Lynk, Nobile) 1 (Kahn)
 - d. Comprehensive Plan - \$10,000
Tourangeau made motion “Approve Comprehensive Plan Reserve \$10,000.” Lynk second. Passed 4-0 (Tourangeau, Griswold, Lynk, Khan) Nobile abstain.

*Submitted 9/7/2023
Chris Nobile - Member*

e. Watershed Plan - \$17,370

Khan made motion "Approve Watershed Plan Reserve \$17,370." Tourangeau second. Passed 5-0

2.3 Discuss DRAFT BRC recommendation letter to the Select Board

Public Comment:

Barbara Ferraro – Asked if there would be problem with SB voting to move all closed out funds to unassigned balance. Thinks that the process is bypassing charter/voters.

Town Manager - Reiterated that SB votes are not purview of BRC, and that ultimately the voters will weigh in and make final decision.

2.4 Vote on the BRC recommendation letter to the Select Board

Letter initially drafted by Griswold and Lynk, then edited by Griswold was reviewed by committee. Collective recommendation was to authorize Griswold and Lynk to further revise the letter with full support of the committee. It will reflect the actual votes taken by the committee.

Public Comment:

Sheldon Druker – Agreed with Town Manager that the function of the BRC is vote up/down recommendations. Not the authority of BRC to manage SB decision making.

Barbara Ferraro – Thanked the BRC for their honest discussion and was glad to see the BRC has taken back their power as a group. Also asked if minority opinion will be published regarding total amount of reserves and replacement of CIP in reserves?

Griswold that The Charter Review commission did not by statute, give the BRC the authority to issue a minority report. Lynk and Kahn also concurred there's no basis for minority report in BRC by-laws.

Tourangeau made motion: "Revote the action for 'Recommend the SB repurpose funds from the Main Beach Trolley Stop CIP to the FEMA Main Beach Project.'" Second by Nobile. Passed (Tourangeau, Lynk, Nobile) 2 (Kahn, Griswold)

Griswold made a motion to redraft recommendation letter to Select Board to report what was actually voted for transfers, including the repurposing OVS Dunaway Heating.

2.5 Discuss BRC meeting dates for October through December 2023

Confirmed meeting dates: October 19, 2023 / November 30, 2023 / December 14, 2023
Note pace holder for September 7, 2023.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS – None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

5.0 ADJOURN

At 10:56am **Lynk made motion; "To Adjourn." Second by Tourangeau. Passed 5 – 0**

Commented [GU1]: Barbara thanked the BRC for their honest discussion and was glad to see that the BRC has taken back their power as a group.

Submitted 9/7/2023
Chris Nobile - Member