

Minutes for the Budget Committee

January 8, 2026

Town of Danbury, New Hampshire

6:34 p.m. Meeting called to order by Ashlynn Comeau, Budget Committee Chair

Present: Ashlynn Comeau, Tracy Feinauer, Ruby Hill, Anna Hullinger,
Karen Padgett; and James Farmer-acting ex-officio member, Board of Selectmen.

Not Present: Jessica Hatch, Lenny Ryan

Public Present: Frances Bliss, Chris Kelby

Old Business:

Minutes from the December 11 meeting were reviewed. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Ashlynn, minutes accepted with an aye vote.

New Business:

Revised budget worksheet was shared, changes from the Board of Selectmen explained by James.

Ashlynn moved, Anna seconded, to raise EX Office Supplies to \$2,500 to pay for a laptop for the administrative assistant; motion carried with an aye vote.

Ashlynn moved, Ruby seconded, to raise EL Advertising & Supplies to \$1,350 to pay for a laptop that meets new election software requirements; motion carried with an aye vote.

Ashlynn moved, Anna seconded, to raise General Government Building IT Support to \$5,800 to cover the cost of anti-virus software; motion carried with an aye vote.

Discussion and votes on the Capital Reserve items followed, with comparisons made to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) proposals and priorities.

Ruby moved, Anna seconded, to make the TAN Interest Capital Reserve item \$3,000; motion carried with an aye vote.

Ruby moved, Anna seconded, to change the Safety Services Building Capital Reserve item to \$100,000. Three aye votes, three nay votes, motion failed.

Karen moved, Tracy seconded, to change the Safety Services Building Capital Reserve item to \$75,000, two aye votes, four nay votes, motion failed.

Karen moved, Tracy seconded, to change the Safety Services Building Capital Reserve item to \$100,000, four aye votes, two nay votes, motion carried.

Ashlynn moved, Ruby seconded, the proposed \$100,000 Highway Truck Purchase, motion carried by aye vote.

Anna moved, Ashlynn seconded, the proposed \$100,000 Bridge Capital Reserve item, motion carried by aye vote.

Chief Kelby shared police vehicle lease options. Ruby moved, Karen seconded, a non-lapsing Police Vehicle Lease Capital Reserve item in the amount of \$25,000, motion carried by an aye vote.

Ruby moved, Ashlynn seconded, \$50,000 Government Building Capital Reserve item. Discussion took place about the mold mitigation necessary at the Highway Department building accounting for much of this item. Motion carried with an aye vote.

Ashlynn moved, Ruby seconded, a \$40,000 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve item, contingent on the previous lease motion failing, motion carried with an aye vote.

Ashlynn moved, Anna seconded, the \$50,000 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve item, motion carried with an aye vote; this is a contingency article in the event that the \$100,000 highway truck purchase does not pass.

Ruby moved, Ashlynn seconded, the \$10,000 Road Construction Capital Reserve item, motion carried with an aye vote.

Ruby moved, Tracy seconded, the \$7,000 Property Reval Capital Reserve item, motion carried with an aye vote.

Ashlynn moved, James seconded, a \$75,000 Fire Truck Capital Reserve item, motion carries with an aye vote.

Karen said if everything passes it is a 28% increase over last year. Ruby pointed out that it is not a 28% increase over last year's spending.

Tracy is working on a petition warrant article to have a professional audit done of the Town's books. Ruby has been assisting her with information on that.

Karen shared that she will be bringing forward a petition warrant article requiring the Town to show the tax impact of each article in future years.

7:29 pm. Meeting adjourned with a motion from Karen, second by Ashlynn.