

## **EASTPORT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**2 November 2015**

**The meeting was called to order by Alex Smeaton at 6 PM**

**PRESENT: Alex Smeaton, Dean Pike, Jack Reece, Colleen Cummings, Elaine Abbott, Kendall Zeigler, Steven Glatfelter & Sue Lara**

**MINUTES of the 5 October 2015 meeting were approved**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. The structure, operations and finances of the DownEast EMS were explained by Gilbert Murphy. After discussion it was the consensus of the Committee that this service constituted the best available alternative for Eastport.**
- 2. A further review of the Actual results for FY2015 was held with discussion. An open question was the percent of total possible taxes collected by June 30, 2015 (Note: Subsequent to the meeting Traci Jamieson calculated that 92% of taxes had been collected at that date).**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**The School Budget Process Review consisted of a review of an August meeting between Superintendent Johnson, Mary Repole, and Dean Pike with the undersigned as members the Budget Committee. The net result of that meeting was an expressed desire and intent by all parties to go forward working cooperatively. Since the meeting Elizabeth Hastings has been appointed by the School Committee to continue as Budget Committee Liaison and the Superintendent's Budgeting Schedule has been shared.**

### **OPEN FORUM:**

**The subject arose of understanding how the Charter Amendments approved at the last election impact the Budget Committee. Subsequent to the meeting Elaine Abbott distributed an email to the Committee with the final relevant changes attached together with the Charter context.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jack Reece**

**11/12/15**