

Town of Starks 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 Starks, Maine.

All inconsistent ordinances or votes previously adopted are hereby repealed.

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

The Committee shall consist of 5 members who shall be elected from the floor at Annual Town Meeting by the registered voters of the Town. No elected official or full time employee of the Town may be a member. Members shall serve 1 year, except that they shall continue in office until their successors are elected. Terms shall run from March Annual Town Meeting to the conclusion of the next year's Annual Town Meeting. Vacancies shall be filled within 30 days by appointment of the selectmen for the unexpired term.

This ordinance and only this ordinance shall represent an exception to the town's established policy of electing all town officials by Australian Ballot.

Section 3. Officers; meetings; quorum; procedure

The Committee shall annually elect a Chairman and a Secretary from among its members. The Chairman shall call at least 4 meetings per year or as necessary or when requested by a majority of members or the selectmen. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary may maintain records of all proceedings including all correspondence of the Committee. All meetings and records shall be subject to the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S.A. Sections 401-410.

Section 4. 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 operation budget as proposed by the selectmen.
- B. To review and make recommendations on annual expenditures as proposed by the selectmen.
- C. To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and other budgetary action whenever proposed by the selectmen.
- 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 recommendations on a matter requiring town meeting action shall be printed in bold letters with the article in the warrant and on the ballot, if any, along with such other recommendations as may be included by the selectmen or required by law. The selectmen shall cooperate with and provide the Committee with such information and resources as may be necessary and available to enable it to carry out its functions under this ordinance.

E. The Committee shall submit an annual report to the town appraising the citizens of its activities.

Section 5. Severability,

Each part of this ordinance is severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision is declared to be contrary to law, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby unless the application of any remaining portion of the ordinance would result in action being taken which is inconsistent with the objectives of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date,

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption of the same by the Town of Starks

CERTIFICATION: We the Selectmen of the Town of Starks hereby Certify to the Clerk that the foregoing document is a document entitled "*Town of Starks Budget Committee Ordinance*" and further certify it to be the subject of a hearing scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at 7 PM at the Town Hall in Starks and subject of a public referendum for its adoption, said referendum to take place on November 5, 2002 at the Town Hall in Starks.

Date of Certification: _____

Selectmen Euna Davis

Selectman Cynthia Kimball

Selectman Beth Luce

ATTEST: A true copy of an ordinance entitled "*Town of Starks Budget Committee Ordinance*", as certified to me by the municipal officers of Starks.

Signature: _____
Martha McGlaughlin, Town Clerk

Date: _____

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

By virtue of a directive from the Selectmen, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Starks to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein named by the posting attested copies of the "*Town of Starks Budget Committee Ordinance*" and notice of the public hearings in three conspicuous places within the said Town the

_____.
date

Signature: _____
Kent Stevens, Town Constable