

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

November 30 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jason Somero and Bert Hamill Selectmen, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator;
Jennifer Minckler

Also attending in audience: Peter Goewey, Lou Alvarez, Ashley Saari, Meredith Lund, Ben Hatcher,
Matt Hatcher, Gordon Wayrynen, Cody Vaillancourt, Ollie Niemi, Shawna
Kutyla.

Open Meeting in the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00

Jason Somero read a text from Chairman Shawn Talbot expressing thanks and gratitude during his absence at this time.

Fire Department Budget: Fire Chief Lund reviewed the budget line by line. Changes from the prior year are 3% increase in Fire salaries and stipends, Increase for Fire Chief Stipend in amount of \$345.00. Education and training reduced by \$400.00, Fire/Health fitness reduced by \$800.00. Fire Equipment Repair and Maintenance service increased by \$430.00, Fire Vehicle Maintenance increased by \$21970.00 as tires need to be replaced and pump replaced. Fire Computer increased by \$1100.00 as replacement needed, Fire Communication increased by \$7668.00 due to rates set by Comcast and US Cellular as well as a need for pagers and new radios for each fire fighter. Email addresses needed as provided by google for \$12.95 annually for unlimited email addresses for the Fire Department, fire Dues, subs, fees increase by \$120.00. General Supplies increased by \$809.00 for SCBA hoods for protection, Fire propane added in amount of \$3800.00, Fire Equip new/replace increased by \$2424.00 as ventilation fan needed for Engine 1 and MSA testing station for calibration of meters.

Highway and Transfer Station Budget: Salaries increased from \$3312.00. Part time salaries summer/winter increased by \$3000.00. Health, Dental and Life insurance decreased. Big increases are salt and fuel as well as the equipment lease. Peter advised the Salt should be \$760000.00 instead of \$639595.00 as listed on report under 01-4312.5.680. Gas/Fuel increase by \$10,000.00. DPW lease was for new truck and DPW needs a new one ton truck for \$140,000.00 with a sander, plow and wing. A backhoe is also needed and the estimate on that is \$150,000.00, which needs to be purchased by next year. The grater needs to be replaced as it is almost 20 years old.

Parks and Recreation and Pool Budget: Shawna reviewed line items that are not needed on the budget which are listed as \$0.00 cost. The money comes from the program itself, not the budget. Bert questioned what falls under repairs & maintenance. Shawna advised the skate park needs to be repaired Lease /Outhouses 2021 actual calculation was incorrect as reflected on report as Baseball and Soccer contribute to the cost. Jim Coffey suggested a budget of \$3000.00 for Lease/Outhouses and budget for revenue from what Baseball and Soccer pay to the Town. The Board of Selectmen will look into the electricity cost of the Park. The Pool Budget was reviewed. There was much discussion of Pool Salaries. Pool Director Salary increased by \$1400.00 due to additional time worked during time the Pool is open.

Memorial Day Budget: Flags were increased from \$495.00 to \$1500.00 as Veterans grave markers purchased approximately 17 years ago need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$20.00/marker. Flags

need to be purchased as currently are worn out or damaged. For Memorial Day budget increase of \$155.00 for refreshments and portable toilets

Cemetery budget: Cemetery cleaning increased by \$4000.00 to include flat surface Veteran monuments.

OLD NEW BUSINESS

Administrators Update: Nothing to report

Selectman Talbot Updates: Chairman Talbot was absent from meeting.

Selectman Somero Updates: Selectman Somero mentioned legal fee reimbursement for Alan Doyle. Jason made a motion to reimburse Mr. Doyle \$1013.34 from the current legal budget. Seconded by Bert. All in favor. Motion carries. This reimbursement is from 2018 for personal funds used for legal counsel when a member of the Budget Committee.

Selectman Hamill Updates: Nothing to report

NON-PUBLIC SESSION 1:

Motion at 8:20 pm to go into non 91-A:3 II(I) by Selectman Somero, seconded by Selectman Hamill, all in favor. **Motion** to come out of non-public was made by Selectman Somero and seconded by Selectman Hamill, all were in favor. **Return from non-public session at 8:48 pm:** Minutes are sealed

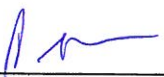
A MOTION to adjourn was made by Selectman Somero, Selectman Bert Hamill seconded. All were in favor. Adjourn 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Minckler, Land Use Clerk

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman:

Jason Somero:



Bert Hamill:

