

Jan 12, 2021 6:30pm Town Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Susan Finnegan, Christine Abdelnour-McKenna, Dean Priebe, Bill Chase, Frank Reeder

Frank Reeder had difficulties getting into the meeting, so he attended by telephone. No one else called to say they could not participate due to technical difficulties and the meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Susan Finnegan.

Committee Organizational business:

Bill Chase was appointed by the Budget Committee due to a vacancy as Richard Paul moved away. This meeting is being held remotely due to the state emergency order.

Meeting timing for Budget Committee (both Town and School):

The annual budget workshop at the School was held Jan 2 from 9am till about 11:15. This Annual workshop (typically the first Saturday of the year) is a combined budget committee meeting with the school and town. All of the budget committee was in attendance.

FY2020 Financial Performance Review

Frank Reeder presented financial performance YTD with the six pages of the budget we planned to review and added that overall, the town is looking good.

FY2021 Budget Discussion

Selectman Frank Reeder reviewed the Selectmen's budget worksheet pages. The salaries throughout the worksheet were not completed so we will discuss sections that included salaries at our next meeting. As each line item was reviewed, discussion occurred when 2020 actuals varied significantly from budget. Selectman Reeder had line details and rationale for increases in the FY21 budget.

The budget committee approved the following categories by the use of a roll call format each member approved and there were no objections

4153 4195 4196 4210 4215 4299 4240 4312 4316 4414 4415 4520 4550 4611 4711 4721 4723

The following areas were discussed by the committee in more detail:

- Training budgets were not used due to Covid we approve for them to keep their training budget in 2021
- Cost of postage and printing has gone up substantially due to so many things needing to be printed and mailed
- 4312 Increase in paving requests to redo south village and the post office parking lot and also owls hill could use some repaving. Sand and gravel went up because the price went up
- 4150 Our assessor retired and the new assessor is more expensive, the more expensive rate seems to be the market price.
- 4520 There have been requests to alter the tennis courts to also be able to play pickleball, we approved half the money as the group that made the request has raised the other half
- 4902 The town backhoe is breaking, it needs to be replaced but the highway department will take half out of their capital reserve

Selectboard will provide us with salary finals for the following for next meeting:

4130, 4140 4150 4155 4191 4194 4220 4311 4324 4411 4441

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00pm.

Submitted by:

Christine Abdelnour-McKenna