

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

December 13, 2021

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, David Persons, Ronald Bocash and Brian Dubie

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Town Clerk: Linda Hodet

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Secretary: Melissa

Visitors: Peter Burns, Laura Fulwiler, Sara Allerton, NWATV

1. Cathy provided the budget and YTD for the library. Peter Burns presented the 2022 library budget. The tax request is up \$11,229 due to a Covid inspired surplus at the beginning of 2021 that we will not have in 2022. During the early part of 2020, several programs were scaled back or cancelled due to Covid and that created a surplus of \$11K. Discussion followed on the library fund progress. SB would like to see the dividends in excess of mortgage service paid to the principal but as they are getting an 8% return (greater than the cost of the mortgage) it may be better to reinvest. Need to look at it more and discuss with the board. They are asking for \$10K more from the voters but overall expenditures are slightly lower. It's all about the surplus. TOF has recently reviewed their financial controls document and will provide it to the library so they can adopt the same policy.
2. Moe reports that Larry Westcom is going to plow part time for the winter.
3. Cathy is doing records check to get Larry on board.
4. David made a motion to approve the warrants. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
5. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian seconded. All in favor.
6. Gavin made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss employee salaries as related to the 2022 budget. David seconded. All in favor. No decisions made. Information only.
7. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded. All in favor.

These minutes exist in draft form until approved by the Select Board.