

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes #722

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Present: Lindsey Blake; Mike Bomba; Alex Duso; Bill Hodgman; Ken Howe; Karen Johnson; Bill Nebelski; Janice Nichols; Holly Kennedy, School Board Rep; Steve Diorio, Selectmen Board Rep. Excused: Holly Kennedy & Dennis Nadeau

6:32 Vice-Chairman Howe called the meeting to order.

Nebelski **made a motion** to appoint Janice Nichols to the board as a member until the March 2022 Town Meeting, second by Duso. Motion passes unanimously.

A discussion took place regarding employee raises for the 2022-2023 budget year. TA Collins explained the Selectmen approved a Cost of Living at 2.5 percent and an up to Merit increase of 1.5%.

The following budgets were discussed:

**Executive:** A questions on this year's budget regarding the Town Report line be over. TA Collins explained that the SAU paid the Town directly for their share which offset the expense as a revenue.

**Gov't Buildings & Parks:** An increase in the budget for the Meeting House Maintenance & Repairs line is due to a punch list of repairs the town needs to address. There was a question regarding painting of the Meeting House, the money was place in parks. Collins will look into it.

Detail of Parks Maintenance & Repairs is missing. Collins will get the information.

**Emergency Management:** The Electric is for \$1,100. Collins will look into this.

**Highway:** The Telephone line items is for \$1,000 though nothing has been spent this year. Collins will look into this.

**Building Inspector:** Worker's Comp was questioned. Collins explained that the town received a credit from Primex based on the actuaries which had been applied. Collins also stated the amount in the budget is based on Primex's estimated based on wages to be paid.

**Patriotic:** The committee would like to see \$750 added in order to upgrade the flag poles to fiberglass.

Discussion took place regarding Merit Increases. It was explained that Merit Increases is tied to employee job performances.

Nebelski made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021, #721, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

7:32 p.m. Diorio made a motion to adjourn, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator