

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes #723

Joint Meeting with Selectmen

Monday, November 22, 2021

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

Selectmen: Mike Carrier; Steve Diorio; Richard Johnson; Bernie Rideout.

6:33 Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to order.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Robert Johnson, Waterwater Treatment Plant Supt was present for questions and discussion. Johnson mentioned that the equipment at the plant is getting older and will need attention in the near future. He is hoping for grant money which may be coming down the line to assist with infrastructure funds. Bob explained energy efficient items done in the last few years and that he has tried to save but there is no-where to cut.

Summer Program, Pool, Community Events, and Community Center: Sarah Hudon was present to discuss her budgets. The budgets are down nearly \$6,400. Discussion took place in regard to the camp and pool salaries. There was a jump in the Community Center salary line item which was do to placing the full salary for the project director into that line and decreasing it from the Salary line for Community Events. Johnson discussed hourly rate for lifeguards and made some calls to surrounding areas. The discussion on the Cost of Living took place.

Police Department: Chief Rataj was present for questions and discussion. The Chief went through each line item and was able to decrease the budget \$28,000 from this year. There was a reduction in healthcare. Salaries are down based on the influx of new people, which lowered the retirement contribution. They will be using grant monies for computer upgrades. The chief may be requesting the purchase of a Charger in this next budget cycle since replacement cruisers are taking a year and a half.

TA Collins mentioned that next week Jack White, Water Superintendent; Terry Zavorotny, Fire Chief; and Bob Truesdell, Highway Supt. will be in to discuss their budgets.

7:52 p.m. Howe made a motion to adjourn, second by Blake. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator