

Select Board Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectmen Bill Hodgman and Selectman Richard Johnson.

Also present were; Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch, Finance Director Jodie Holmquist, Highway/Parks/Transfer Station Superintendent, Bob Truesdell, Community Development Coordinator , Josh Green, Police Chief, Melissa Evans, Program and Welfare Director Heather Jutras, Theresa Diorio, Pool Director, Kleay Steever, Summer Camp Director, Waste Water Superintendent Ernie Smalley, Fire Chief Terry Zavorotny, Deputy Chief Troy Benedict, Captain Taryn Benedict and Finance Assistant Ann Marie Diorio

6:00 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order.

Chair Diorio stated that he would like to institute a policy that if a committee member wanted information that the correspondence should be between the chairs of the committees, not with individual staff members or committee members. Discussion followed. Conclusion K. Lynch will ask legal their opinion and would reports back to the selectmen.

Bob Truesdell, Superintendent Highway/Parks and Transfer Station

B. Truesdell reviewed with the board his budget, discussion was held. It was noted that transfer station is up due to increase in personnel needed to complete the task of the station. Reviewed combining the park and highway budgets. Will be moving misc. into a supplies line. Income lines will be added so that you can show what the transfer station has generated for income. The board thanked Bob for his time.

Josh Green, Community Development

J. Green reviewed his budget with the board, the misc. line would be moving to equipment and repairs. The board thanked J. Green for his time.

Melissa Evans, Police Chief

M. Evans reviewed her budget with the board. Discussion followed concerning the ability to fill vacant positions. Discussion was held regarding a retention program that she would like to instated; information will be forwarded to the board. Discussion was held regarding what the board would like to see in the back up. Income lines will be added to show what the department has received in grants, details etc. The Board thanked Chief Evans for her time.

Dennis Nadeau, Patriotic

D. Nadeau requested that he discuss this budget, he was sent the budget, and the date and time of the meeting. D. Nadeau was not present the budget was passed over.

Heather Jutras, Program and Welfare Director

H. Jutras introduced herself to the board. Discussion was held regarding the following budgets:

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Welfare, Municipal Pool, Community Events, Community Center and Summer Program. Discussion was held with Theresa Diorio, Pool Director and Kleay Steever, Summer Program Director regarding the increases to the pool and summer program salary lines. Discussion followed regarding the rest of the budgets and some items that the selectmen would like presented differently. Income lines will be added to the pool, day camp and community center budgets to show the offsetting income. The board thanked H. Jutras for her for his time. T. Diorio and K. Steever thanked H. Jutras and the board for the opportunity to discuss the budget.

Ernie Smalley Waste Water Superintendent

E. Smalley's budget is down .81% . K Lynch informed the board of how a difference in compensation was being computed for on call pay. Discussion followed. K Lynch wanted to acknowledge E. Smalley's work. The board thanked E. Smalley for his time.

Terry Zavorotny, Chief Fire Department

T. Zavorotny reviewed the budget with the board. Discussion followed. T. Benedict will get back to A. Diorio with changes to the salary line and a line will be created to account for the utilities and other items for the property at 59 Plain Road. The board thanked T. Zavorotny for his time.

A Diorio explained the new format for the budget, it will be one packet with each paged numbered so you can go through the budget in a orderly fashion. There will be a top sheets with the total budget, then a index with page numbers broken down by department. Each department will have a cover sheet stating what is following. This should be completed by next week.

8:20 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectmen Carrier. The motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Diorio,
Acting Secretary