

Meeting began at 6:08 PM.

Present: Doug Boyd, Carol Fitzgerald, Sandra Sheehan

Absent: Heather Turcotte, Kathy Pessolano

Guests: Dick Patullo, Cliff Bombard

Review of draft budget submissions for Fire Department, Parks & Rec Department (revised), and Board of Selectmen.

Parks & Recreation – reviewed revised submission. It appears they are adding a second maintenance person to their budget. We will invite them to a future meeting for clarification on this as well as concerns with the implications of their use of an old police vehicle.

Fire Department – Ed Poulin

Dick provided some clarification and update to last year's salary line. The figure was inflated by an incorrect rate, it should have been \$176,893, not \$182,000.

Fleet maintenance has increased as of 1/1/22. There are some small increases in EMS supplies as well. Turnout gear has increased by \$500 per set this year. Equipment and supplies have been difficult to obtain given current supply chain issues.

The generator needs to be replaced and the BOS is considering ARPA funds for this purchase. Anticipated cost is \$30,000, but doesn't include the wiring.

Ed reported that there is a FEMA grant in for a new brush truck. The Department sold the Dodge pickup truck for \$7,000.

Board of Selectmen – Don Davenport, Craig Rivest, John Flynn, Bob Markel, Pam Courtney

Review of the many line items administered by the BOS. Highlights include an increase in employee benefits from \$314,000 to \$350,000 due to the contribution adjustments approved recently, new one-year contract for the town administrator at 25 hours for \$75 per hour, Stormwater at \$45,700, and Police/Fire Communications at \$60,663 (\$2,001 per month plus 5% increase at the beginning of the calendar year). There was a question as to whether we should increase Law & Claims due to the pending issues with the storage facilities. However, the BOS recommended keeping the \$65,000 for FY 2023. The issues may resolve before July 1st. The current year is running close to the allocated expense; will monitor that as the year closes. Gasoline line item was also considered for an increase; however, it was decided to wait until Fall town meeting to make any possible adjustments as we'll know the need and pricing better then.

Miscellaneous updates

Doug reported that the Community Preservation Committee anticipates two request this year, one related to housing and another for additional funds to support the high school turf project. The CPA account currently has approximately \$506,000.

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sandra seconded. All were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Recorded by Carol Fitzgerald