

Meeting began at 6:05 PM.

Present: Doug Boyd, Carol Fitzgerald, Sandra Sheehan, Kathy Pessolano

Absent: Heather Turcotte

Guests: Dick Patullo, Cliff Bombard

Review of 3/28/22 draft town budget Excel spreadsheet, revised Parks and Rec budget

Carrie Joseph from the Parks & Rec department presented a revised budget that included having maintenance staffing for seven days per week. It has been difficult keeping the park maintained with only one staff. The changes in the budget include:

1. The reflection of the Park & Rec Assistant as a Grade 4 position. They had petitioned the BOS to move the grade.
2. Existing maintenance person at the same hours
3. An additional maintenance person at 360 hours per year.

They do plan to accept a truck from the highway department that is being phased out there. However, Advisory has questions about the storage and maintenance of the vehicle. Carrie will take our concerns back to her board and provide us with additional information at the Public Hearing.

Budget Review

The HWRSD sent out its formal assessment letter; the amount is reduced based on the Wilbraham Finance Committee's vote to lower their contribution by the cost they estimate to keep TWB open. It also includes an additional capital assessment to upgrade the network switches at the high school. The total cost is \$300,000; Hampden's portion is \$60,902. This was originally thought to be a good use of ARPA funds, and had not been discussed at the budget subcommittee as an additional assessment to the town's in this manner.

The BOS has asked the Assessors to release funds from the Overlay account to support the annual state mandated requirements for this year and next year. They are going to release \$50,000 to use (\$25,000 in each year).

Minutes

Kathy made a motion to approve minutes of the 3/21/22 Advisory meetings. Sandra seconded. All in favor.

Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kathy seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Recorded by Carol Fitzgerald