

Town of Jefferson
Select Board Meeting
EMS & Cemetery Budget Workshop
February 2, 2022
Jefferson Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Select Chairperson Cindy Silver, with Kevin Meehan (Selectman), Norman Brown (Selectman), Chris Milligan & Amanda Simino present.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited to salute the flag.

Fire Department Budget update: Chris Milligan presented to the Select Board per their request a breakdown of calls and payroll. Chris is working with Paul Ingersoll to get all Fire Fighters certifications printed out. Update on hazmat equipment that was lost in the fire is ordered however it is on back order.

EMS: Discussion on EMS budget. Currently there are 5 EMS personnel: 2 EMR, 2 EMT, & 1 Paramedic. Equipment- replacement of items that get used up on call. There will be no recertifications this year for EMS.

Cemetery: Discussion on Cemetery budget. Maintenance: spring clean-up, take care of any fallen trees, upkeep on head stones, fall clean up and fence work (if needed). In years past the town had a company come in to wash and straighten any head stones that needed attention. Possibly looking at going back to that where people are spread thin and wanting to keep the stones maintained. Having the upkeep of the stones on a regular schedule so cemeteries won't fall through the cracks due to not having enough time. Budget amount is staying the same as last year. The amount is factored by 2 times a month for mowing at the very least. There are times when the grass is growing faster so there will be a need to possibly mow up to 3-4 times a month for some cemeteries and in the event of a service being held.

A motion was made by Select Chairperson Cindy Silver to enter nonpublic session with a second from Selectman Norman Brown. The motion was passed, and the meeting went into Non-Public at 6:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Selectman Norman Brown to leave nonpublic session and return to public session with a second from Selectman Kevin Meehan. The motion was passed, and the meeting went back to public at 7:26 p.m.

A motion was made by Select Chairperson Cindy Silver to seal the nonpublic session minutes with a second from Selectman Kevin Meehan.

A motion was made by Selectman Norman Brown to eliminate the position of the fire inspector previously approved by the previous Select Board with a second from Select Chairperson Cindy Silver. Selectman Kevin Meehan wanted a discussion before a decision was made. His only concern about eliminating the fire inspector position is who will do heating system inspections if the town does not have that position. Selectman Norman Brown stated per the RSA it would be the responsibility of the fire chief. After this discussion was had the board passed eliminating the fire inspector position unanimously.

Other Business: Amanda presented the board with a proposal of having a broadband presentation on

February 28th with Julie Gilmore, Joe Marshall, and a Representative from Spectrum. The board agreed to have them make a presentation but only if all parties were in-person and that February 28th is not a scheduled meeting and that it would have to be presented on a regular scheduled meeting night.

Follow up discussion for Highway Department CRF: Amanda asked the board if we are going to utilize the \$40,000 that will be getting voted on for 2022 and only increasing the Hwy Dept. budget by \$60,000 instead of increasing Hwy Dept. budget by \$100,000. Select Board stated that they would not use the \$40,000 going into the CRF for 2022 because they do not want to leave that account at \$0.00.

Amanda brought 2 Warrant Articles to the meeting per Selectman Norman Brown's request. The board decided to not do a Warrant Article for EMS for their donations because we can't put donations into CRF's. If EMS needs anything then they should come to the board and ask, and it could be worked into the budget for the following year or if they have enough money in their budget to come out of the present year. The Library Trustees was the second Warrant Article that is going up for a vote at Town Meeting.

Selectman Kevin Meehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Selectman Norman Brown seconded the motion and with no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

******Next Select Board Budget Workshop, Public Budget Hearing & Regular Select Board meeting will be held on February 7, 2022 @ 6:00, 6:30, & 7:00 p.m.******

Respectfully submitted

Amanda Simino