

Town of Jefferson
Select Board Meeting
Budget Workshop
December 28, 2022
Jefferson Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Kevin Meehan (Select Board Chair) Norman Brown (Selectman), Terri Larcomb (Selectman), and Amanda Simino, present

The pledge of Allegiance was recited to salute the flag.

The Select Board had a general discussion about the proposed 2023 budget. They have asked Amanda to line item every account for the budget so there is a better understanding on if items were to go over budget.

Selectman Norman Brown suggests that when the board gets into the Highway Department budget, they look into purchasing a new truck to replace the 2012 Dodge. The board asked that Amanda provide them with historical figures dating back to the purchase of the truck. The findings of the research shows that the town has put \$36,076.93 into repairing the 2012 Dodge. He feels that the town should not have to continue to put that money into the 2012 Dodge. In the Highway Vehicle CRF there is \$156,000 (approx.)

Wages: The Select Board discussed wage increases across the whole board at an 8.7% increase to go along with the cost-of-living increase for social security. Amanda put together a spreadsheet to show each person's increase at the 8.7%. She stated that she did note for Planning and Zoning Boards request of Charlene increasing to \$22.00 per hour and the Library Trustees request of Joy going to \$20.00 per hour. The increase of the 8.7% didn't bring those individuals up to the requested wage. Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan suggests that the Select Board bring them both up to the requested wage and then put them in the pool next year for the cost-of-living increase. Selectman Norman Brown stated he doesn't have an issue with Joy going to the \$20.00 because with the 8.7% increase from her current wage it fell within approx. \$0.50 short of the requested amount. Selectman Norman Brown stated with Charlene jumping from \$16.00 an hour to \$22.00 is a heavy-duty piece which Selectman Terri Larcomb agrees with. However, putting her up to a \$20.00 wage would be an approx. \$4.00 increase from current wage as opposed to an approx. \$6.00 increase from \$16.00 to \$22.00. The Select Board asked that Amanda round up or down dollar figures to whole numbers to the closest dollar amount. If it is a 50/50 split the rounding should go to the increase.

Submitted Warrant Articles: The Select Board has three Warrant Articles that were submitted by Cheri Marshall regarding the Veteran's Memorial, Library regarding their building fund, and David Hill regarding the taxes at the Waumbek. All of which would be Select Board recommended.

Veteran's Memorial- Cheri Marshall proposed a Warrant in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of 6 pillar monuments and future maintenance. Selectman Norman Brown stated that with business and organizations the committee will be able to move forward with the purchase of the 6 pillar monuments. At this time, he doesn't feel there needs to be a town expense for the site. Selectman Chair Kevin Meehan and Selectman Terri Larcomb agree.

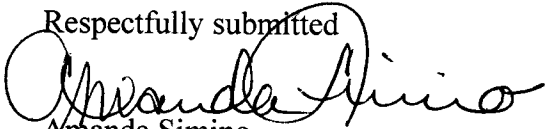
Library building fund- The Select Board feels that due to the library moving into the Jefferson Community Building there is no need for the library to have a building fund at this point and time.

Waumbek- Forrest Hicks and David Hill has asked the Select Board to consider a tax break for Waumbek property until construction has been completed. The Warrant in hand helps with future economic development in town, which down the road will generate increased tax revenue to the town. The Select Board would like Amanda to send the Warrant to the Town's attorney for them to review.

Selectman Norman Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Selectman Terri Larcomb seconded the motion; with no discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

*****Next Select Board meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.*****

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Simino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amanda Simino

Administrative Assistant to the Select Board