

Town of Jefferson
Select Board Budget Workshop
November 13, 2023
Jefferson Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Select Board Chair Norman Brown, Selectman Terri Larcomb, Selectman Kevin Meehan, Chris Milligan, Mike Kenison, Maura Chappelle, David Passios (Zoom), and Amanda Simino present

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Highway Dept.- The Select Board went over line by line of the proposed Highway Department Budget with Mike Kenison. The items that the Select Board and Mike agreed to remove are as follows: Garage R&M & Highway Miscellaneous. The items that the Select Board are waiting on for quotes is as follows: Electrical Work needing to be done at the Town Garage, list of shop equipment, cutting edge for grader, new dust system, RxR crossing, and uniforms. The Select Board would like Mike to order the following items with this year's budget tires for Ford F-600.

Fire Dept.- The Select Board went over line by line of the proposed Fire Department Budget with Chris Milligan. The Select Board has requested 3 years of historical call figures for the Fire Department. They asked that Amanda send them a list of items that were purchased with account 4-01-4220-20 (Fire Radios and Pagers) The Select Board asked that Chris give them a break down for equipment for 2022 and 2023 and would like him to identify what he wants to spend on equipment for the upcoming year.

Chris asked the Select Board about the status on the proposed new fire apparatus building. Select Board Chair Norman Brown stated that he is waiting for a written update from the town's attorney handling the fire claim settlement before the town can move forward with a Warrant regarding the building. Chris wanted to let the Select Board know to keep in mind that at some point soon they will need to purchase a replacement for Eng. 2 where it is a 1989. The cost of Engines has gone up considerably.

EMS- The Select Board went over line by line of the proposed EMS Budget with Chris Milligan. They asked that the \$2500 be removed from EMS radio/pager line where the department just had \$9000.00 to purchase radios/pagers in the 2023 year. They also asked Amand to look into removing the Health Officer wage to a different account.

Cemeteries- The Select Board went over line by line of the proposed Cemeteries Budget with Chris Milligan. Select Board Chair Norman Brown stated that they realize Chris doesn't have enough time to get stone washing and stone straighten. The Select Board would like Chris to check with a couple of companies the town might hire to get this work done.

Other Business:

- Select Board reviewed and motioned the approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/6/23. **Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2023. Selectman Kevin Meehan seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**
- Select Board discussed Megan Wells pay for taking the Meeting Minutes for the ZBA and Planning Board. The Select Board agreed to pay her as a 1099 vendor at a rate of \$25 per hour, without paying mileage.
- Select Board reviewed and signed Israel River Campground Letter
- Select Board reviewed and signed Mark & Paula Guaraldi Letter
- Select Board reviewed and signed Diane Boutin Deed and Letter
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Select Board Chair Norman Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Selectman Terri Larcomb seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

******Next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Mon., November 20, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.******

Respectfully Submitted by:



Amanda Simino
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