

Town of Jefferson
Select Board Budget Workshops
Athletic Assoc., Library, Planning Board, Board of Adjustments, & Police
November 27, 2023
Jefferson Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Select Board Chair Norman Brown, Selectman Terri Larcomb, Selectman Kevin Meehan, Charlene Wheeler, Leslie Seppala, Jeannie Kenison, Liz Milligan, Jason Call, Mike Meehan, Kyle Cormier and Amanda Simino present

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Athletic Association- Kyle Cormier presented the Board of Selectmen with the Athletic Association proposed 2024 budget. The Select Board asked Amanda to rename account 4-01-4520-30 to Athletic buildings maintenance where they will need to do some upkeep to the snack shack at Hicks field and the hut at the skating rink. Select Board asked why they are keeping \$6,000 for the Hicks Field maintenance Kyle stated that they will have to extend baselines to 70' to stay with the league regulations for the 2024 baseball season and this figure includes having the playground area at Hicks Field to be re-mulched.

Library- Liz Milligan presented the Board of Selectmen with the Library proposed 2024 budget. The biggest increase noticed on the library budget was wages. Liz explained that the library would like to add more hours. She stated that they have been hearing from a lot of their patrons wanting more hours. They are looking to add 6.5 open hours, 3 administration hours, & 2 overlap hours.

Planning Board- Mike Meehan presented the Board of Selectmen with the Planning Board proposed 2024 budget. They are looking to increase their budget by \$2825.00 and that is due for wages. Planning Board will be hiring a new secretary and Charlene will still be on to train that person so there will be overlapping hours for a period of time.

Board of Adjustments- Charlene Wheeler presented the Board of Selectman with the Board of Adjustments proposed 2024 budget. BOA is looking to keep their budget as is but breaking out one account into two accounts.

Police Dept.- Norman Brown presented the Board of Selectman with the Police Department proposed 2024 budget. He is looking to increase regular wages from \$16 to \$26 per hour to keep up with the towns around Jefferson. He is looking to be done with the Police Dept. within the next year or two and needs to have a wage competitive with the area towns. The Select Board asked that Amanda rename account 4-01-4210-30 to Police Equipment & 4-01-4210-90 to Police Training. Norman Brown also stated that they would be removing the CASA account. The Select Board asked Norman if he could provide them with a list of items that would be covered under the Police Equipment line item.

Other Business:

- **Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2023. Selectman Kevin Meehan seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve Payroll for November 27, 2023. Selectman Kevin Meehan seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**
- **Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve the estimate from Neil Newton in the amount of \$2,000 for the work that needs to be done on the new container at the Transfer Station. Selectman Kevin Meehan seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**
- **Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Tim Corrigan over on Stag Hollow Rd. Selectman Kevin Meehan seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

Jason Call- He owns two houses now in Jefferson and he feels that the town assessments are a mess. He hopes that the Select Board has a plan to get this under control. Selectman Kevin Meehan stated in the past the Board of Selectmen have met with the assessing company. When CNP was hired unfortunately they were handed a mess. But feels that if the Select Board meets with the assessing company there will be a plan to get it all hashed out.

Selectman Terri Larcomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Selectman Kevin Meehan seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

******Next Select Board Meeting is scheduled for Mon., Dec. 4, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.******

Respectfully Submitted by:



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