



Select Board Minutes- Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Attendance: Nick Santangelo, John Moulton, Jason Neville, Cheryle Cause, Joe Iannazzo, Billy Neville, Sherry Bachelder, Gloria Dyer

Finance Members Present: Dick King, Matthew Bryant, Amanda Parker, Sara Gray, Jannah Park, Jeremy Burbank, Paul Colwell

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Sign A/P and payroll warrant

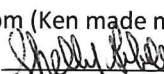
NEW BUSINESS

- Selectmen to set date for Public Hearing for referendum ballot question- town clerk/tax collector and treasurer to be appointed and not elected. Shelly made a motion for the Public Hearing to be held on the 25th at 6:30. Ken seconded. All 3 in favor. Nichole to post around town.

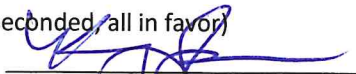
FINANCE MEETING

- Matt made a motion to nominate Paul Colwell chair of the committee. Dick King seconded. Vote unanimous.
- Paul started by allowing departments, boards and committees to share their budget requests.
 - Rescue- Nick and John provided board with handouts of budget and call volume. They have a budgeted amount of \$140,880 and are looking to increase the per diem request from the town to \$61,630. This would be a raise of \$3 more an hour per position (EMT, Paramedic, etc.) Rescue explained that the stipends for officers are Chief \$3000, Deputy Chief \$2000, Treasurer \$1500, and Secretary \$1500. Paul asked if the vehicles are going from 3 to 2 and we need to convert the ambulance to a squad truck why was the budgeted maintenance not increased. Memberships are licenses budgeted amount increased from last year. Rescue explained they are hoping classes will be offered closer so they can take advantage of some classes.
 - Library- Cheryle Cause- requesting \$3000 (same as last year's two articles combined) Cheryle volunteered 160 days this year and the Library raised \$1500 in fundraisers.
 - Fire- Jason and Billy Neville- Requested budget of \$34500 staying the same. Had to use carryover balance this year due to truck maintenance. Requesting \$10000 for SCBA to save for replacements in 18 years and the fire truck fund requested \$50000- goal to replace in 8 years. Amanda Parker indicated that she writes grants and would not mind helping out the fire department.
 - Planning Board- Gloria handed out budget and presented to the board.
- Paul went over some "housekeeping". Budget committee members that belong to fire and or rescue will need to abstain from voting on a recommendation for articles that deal with fire and rescue.
- Finance Committee went through the articles and recommendations of Board of Selectmen
 - Winter Maintenance- Finance wanted to know why Whitehouse Road was not put out to bid for plowing. Shelly explained that it was not listed on Casey's contract and he did not want to do it. Since Jon Morrill plows the rest of the road and offered a reasonable price to do it they went with him. If he did not agree then it would have been put out to bid. Matt would like to see more money taken from Local Road Assistance. Nichole explained that the figure is "projected". Matt made a motion to take \$45,000 from LRA and thus decreasing the raise amount by \$10,000. Paul seconded. All in favor.
 - Finance requested Casey be present at future finance meetings.
 - Jannah asked if the road articles could be combined- seems like same types of jobs (ie: tree removal) is taken from multiple accounts.
 - Fire articles- 3 budget members abstained (Jeremy Burbank, Dick King, Paul Colwell)
 - Rescue articles – 4 budget members abstained (Jeremy Burbank, Dick King, Paul Colwell, Jannah Park)
 - Finance members decided to use "no recommendation on social services articles.


Meeting adjourns 7:32 pm (Ken made motion, Shelly seconded, all in favor)



Shelly Gobeille



Kenneth Gates



James McLaughlin