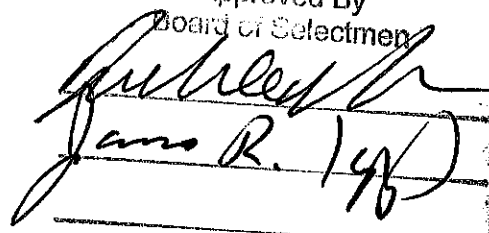


Board of Selectmen Public Meeting
December 8th, 2020

Call to Order
Pledge
BOS Member: Jim Knapp, Joe Varga,

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Board of Selectmen


Police – Chief Cooper spoke on his budget line by line. The Budget Committee had a couple questions as well as the Board of Selectman. Chief Greg Cooper provided a fact sheet to the Board of Selectman and Budget Committee. Chief Greg Cooper also put 5% in all salary lines for the Police Department. A discussion was made about hiring more part-timers for the Police Department.

Assessing – Sierra Pawnell spoke on this, she gave a 5% increase in salary and only went up on contracts.

ZBA - Joe Varga spoke on this also, it will stay the same.

Highway – Rick Washburn speaks on behalf of Highway Budget. Rick Washburn only went up 5% for salaries in his budget, this includes On Call and Seasonal pay. Budget Committee asked if Rick Washburn was budgeting correctly. Rick Washburn spoke saying, “I budgets this way because I get cutdown at the town meetings”. Rick Washburn states he may not get the Highway Block Grant this year because COVID-19. Joe Varga states, “if this is the case, why isn’t Rick Washburn budgeting for this type of scenario”. Joe Varga also states, “Maybe we should budget every year, as if we will not receive the Highway Block Grant”. (Lengthy discussion on this matter)

Welfare – Kathleen Blaney speaks on this, the only thing that went up on this was a 5% salary line. They also want to add a line, named a Health Officer for a stipend of \$50 a month.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector / Treasure / Planning Board – Board of Selectman went over the budget line by line. There was an increase to the contract line and a 5% increase in the salary line.

Code Enforcement - Dan Moody spoke about this, Dan went line by line, nothing changed in his budget, except the salary line.

Government – Board of Selectman spoke on this with Kathleen Blaney, they went line by line. The Board of Selectman is looking to get a new accounting program. They are also looking to hire a deputy for Kathleen Blaney, for just two days a week.

Fire and Rescue – Joe Bourdeau spoke about his budget. J. Bourdeau is looking to increase many lines, because he felt the budget was cut unfairly by the previous Board of Selectman,

they are looking to get some more ideas for the current situation for EMS. (lengthy discussion between Board of Selectman and J. Bourdeau).