

Selectmen's minutes of work session Nov. 28, 2018

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Fred Ventresco
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Dolores presented and reviewed the following budgets.

Legal Fees: We only budgeted \$12,500 for the current fiscal year. The year before we actually spent \$17,444. At this time we have used most of the budget for this fiscal year.
We will budget \$17,500 for the fiscal year 2020.

Select Board: The select board will level fund their salary. They will give the admin. asst. a 2% increase. Discussed the Annual bonus, this has always been given to the highway department employees. The selectmen will implement a bonus based on performance. Will add \$10,000 to the salary line of this budget to cover the bonuses. Expenses are level funded.

Street lighting: We under budgeted for fy2019. We actually spend \$4,285 in FY2018 and only budgeted \$3,785 for FY2019. We will budget \$4,800 for FY2020.

Solid Waste: We will level fund at \$60,000

Custodian of Town Buildings: Increase by 2% in salary.

Town Clerk: Reduced by \$3,919. The Town Clerk is level funding her salary. Also level funding the hourly rate for registrars, election workers and constables. There was a state wide survey done for these hourly rates and we are right on target.

Federal Census Workers Salary: Reducing by \$1,900.

Berkshire Regional Planning: Increased by \$17.78 due to the formula they use which is based on population.

The selectmen thanked Dolores for her work on her presentation and would like Fred to continue in the same manner. Fred will compile the budgets as they come in and present them at the work sessions. The selectmen will review and decide which boards will need to come in for further explanation. If no major changes or questions then they will not require that board/committee to come in.

They will vote to accept the budgets worked on during this meeting at their next regular selectmen's meeting on Dec. 3, 2018. All agreed to provisionally accept the budgets as presented today.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley