

Selectmen's minutes of Work Session Jan. 2, 2020

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

Called to order at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and signed

Joanne explained that she is not 100% prepared but will have more by the next meeting. It's been very busy combined with the weather and Holidays.

Town Accountant update. Joanne is requesting all expense reports to be sent by email from the Town Accountant to all boards and committees. She is requesting a meeting with the treasurer, accountant and selectmen. Discussed problems with not getting the general ledgers. Many committees have requested them and they are either incorrect or they are not getting them at all. Joanne will work on a date for a work session.

Reviewed Fire Dept. budgets that had questions. Joanne met with Ralph. She reviewed some of Ralph's responses.

Fire Dept. and Ambulance Maint. budget, Ralph is giving estimates, not actual numbers for contracts and service agreements. Joanne will follow up with John Burrows on the contract amounts.

Fire Dept. salaries. Ralph disagreed with the selectmen's questioning his salary. Discussed stipend versus salary. Reviewed past budget documents from FY2018 that show that Ralph's salary is \$10,000 which is to be capped for 3 more years. Ralph has actually taken a 2 percent increase each year since then.

Discussed the rental of the 2 fire houses. Ralph will not provide a rental contract. We will level fund unless he provides the backup documents.

Training budgets are ok.

ALSS budget is ok, it will be funded half from raise and appropriate and half from free cash. Joanne will go to John Burrows for follow up questions since Ralph is in Florida.

Reviewed the Town Accountant budget, level funded.

Technology budget, Joanne has to gather more information.

Town Manager budget. Joanne would like more hours. She is actually putting in 50 hours a week. She would like her job to be full time. The funds are available. All Selectmen are in agreement with this. She has done a tremendous job to date.

Discussed dates for a work session on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Discussed the cemetery. The cemetery is closed until April 1, 2021.

Discussed the cost of uniforms and other options.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley