

Selectmen's minutes of Work Session March 16, 2020

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

Called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mark asked Brian and Joanne to review the budgets for possible reductions. We are currently \$210,000 over the levy limit.

Following is a proposed list of possible reductions:

Legal Services: currently budgeted for \$17,500, we will reduce to \$12,500

Audit: Per the Town Accountant we don't need it this year so we will reduce it from \$3,500 to 0

Highway Dept: We will not fund for an additional employee reducing the budget by \$16,438 for health benefits, \$722.40 dental, \$70.56 life ins., \$710.00 Medicare, \$440.00 unemployment, \$48,862.84 for salary and \$1,522.80 for uniforms.

Highway Dept: Discussed the need for rental equipment. Brad will research the actual numbers.

Highway Dept: Discussed the line item for gravel. Budgeted \$17,000. Brad agreed to reduce the budget by \$10,000 and use Chapter 90 funds for \$10,000. The requested \$7,000 will be for Viets Road which is currently not on the Chapter 90 list of roads.

Public Safety Officer: We will split the cost evenly between raise and appropriate and transfer from Free Cash.

Fire and Ambulance Equipment: They asked for \$2,000 plus 2%. Could possibly reduce, will request actuals.

Fire Dept. Amb. Maint.: Need Actuals

Animal Control: Joanne recommends increasing to cover the cost of mandatory classes and training. Discussed regionalizing. We will leave this budget at level funded.

Highway Dept. Machinery Maint.: We now have mostly new equipment with the exception of 3 old pieces of equipment. May be able to reduce.

Planning Board: There is a question on the \$500.00 request. Joanne will follow up.

Discussed the Stabilization Trust Fund. We could transfer from there to cover the overage and offset the tax rate.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley