

Selectmen's minutes of the work session February 24, 2021

Members present: Brian O'Rourke, Mark Newman, George Riley by remote, Joanne Grybosh by remote, Dolores Harasyko, Roger Brown

Called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Remote participation information provided for the public.

Roger presented the FY2022 quarterly forecasting spreadsheet.

He explained the layout of the sheet.

Reviewed the FY2022 budget spreadsheet.

Reviewed totals.

The budget is 5% worse than FY2021 and 8% worse than the forecast.

Brian asked about line 130, Yanner Park, no big expenditures. Roger stated they haven't spent much this year. They do have a plan in place.

The Levy Limit is in process.

Reviewed the benefits of the forecast.

Discussed Veterans Benefits, may need to increase by \$4,000.

Legal expense increase by \$2,000.

Website Expense transfer to Tech Expense.

Joanne would like to hire a Webmaster under the Technology Expense Account. She would like some support, she is looking at other options for 24 hour support.

Discussed the Treas/Tax Collector salary, there is salary for an assistant.

Discussed the Tree Account, it has doubled from last year.

Increase in Highway Maint. is due to stone, shim & drag patching for Route 183 and Town Hill Road.

Fire Chief has asked for a 4% increase in salary.

Inspector of Animals reduce to \$520.

School Committee stipend restored to \$500 for the Chair and \$400 for members.

Historical Comm. \$250 for the New Boston Historical District, \$250 for the Knox Trail.

George asked if a board doesn't submit a budget can we reduce them to a \$1.00. Brian responded that historically we just level fund.

George responded that we should start at zero and build from there from the budget submissions. Brian suggested adding this as a future agenda topic.

Repair of Town Buildings, increase to install a septic field at the DPW and plumbing issues at the Town Hall Annex.

This account will be moved to the DPW. Brad has increased the cost of the septic from \$7,000 to \$20,000. Brian stated that was too much.

Records Storage facility already budgeted for, no need to budget again.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley

Mark Newman