

Selectmen's minutes of work session March 11, 2021

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

Called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Reviewed the FY2022 budgets.

Finance Committee expenses level fund.

DPW Truck request, Mark stated the truck they want is considerably more expensive. He suggested taking \$50,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Account and purchase the truck next year. All agreed.

Yanner Park, Brian contacted them for a breakdown of what they are planning on doing next year. Costs as follows: \$3,860 for the completion of site work and cabin debris removal, \$5,000 for services to remove invasive species, \$5,000 for engineering, \$1,000 for supplies for the granite pillars. Mark noted that the pillar damage should be covered by the logger. \$1,000 for purchase of services for mowing, \$500 for plowing and winter maintenance. Funded at the same amount as last year.

Discussed the stabilization accounts.

Brian contacted Fire Chief Ralph Morrison regarding the request for a set of Jaws of Life and new hoses. Ralph is away and will have documentation for next week's meeting.

Technology budget: George reviewed the breakdown for the technology budget. They would like to increase the salary account by \$10,000 for a new part time person with computer skills, \$10,000 for an independent IT Assessment, \$8,000 for a webmaster. George stated that the webmaster would revamp and update the website. Brian asked if the webmaster would be a one time expense, George responded that it possibly could be. Mark and Brian agreed to ask our current website company Civic Plus to help revamp the website. We pay an annual support fee to them. Assistant Town Clerk Pauline Bakunis has reached out to them on a couple occasions and they were very helpful. Mark and Brian agree to use a town employee instead of hiring another employee to work with Civic Plus. Mark agrees that technology does need an assessment but not an additional \$28,000. Technology budget amended as follows: Salary \$6,387.00, expenses \$52,365.

Discussed budget submissions for next year. The Selectmen and Finance Committee should receive the budget submissions at the same time. The Selectmen have a condensed version on the spreadsheet from the budget team. If we receive them at the same time the selectmen can start to work on them earlier.

Meeting adjourned 3:35 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley

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Mark Newman