

**SELECT BOARD BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

Those attending: Mike Hogan, Ian Ackermann, Fred Ducharme, Frank Kampf, Dana Glazier, Lisa Olson, Melvin Churchill, Skip Bothfeld; via zoom Roman Kokodynzak

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made Ian with a second by Fred. Motion carried.
3. Continued budget discussions for 2022-2023 budget. Listed below in #6 is the budget discussions by each entity.
4. Public Comment – Dana Glazier discussed the CV Fiber and that we should do everything possible to get Internet in this area and help CV Fiber without borrowing money.
5. Paving Plan – This was discussed and will have more information for SB Meeting on Tuesday night.
6. The following are scheduled for budget discussion:
 - a. Cemetery – what are the pressing issues. Melvin stated that we need some more money for removing trees (approximately 10 more trees). An average amount is \$20,000 and that is our budget, we also need to fix a lot of stones. He is asking for \$25,000 from the federal government ARPA funding. This year we put out the contract to bid for the upkeep of the cemeteries. Kirkyard Services (Joe Mangan) bid less for this year and they will have the contract again. For a full burial for this coming year is \$600.00 from \$500.00 in previous years. When we sell a cemetery lot the money goes into the investment funds. Mike was wondering if some of this could be used for general keep-up of the cemetery. Melvin stated that he has level funded for years. Mike suggested that we need to look at the investment funds dividends and interest. There are a fair number of the old stones that need to fix stones. There is a possibility of having a volunteers group to work with the stones. Ian and Mike said that they would like to help with this. He is taking a maple and elm down before Thanksgiving. He would like to request \$25,000 this upcoming year for the Cemetery budget. The investment fund that can be used \$29,249 for interest and dividend that have accumulated since 2012 and will be more by the end of the year that is available.
 - b. Rec Committee – They will be rescheduled for the 29th
 - c. Fire Department – looking for \$60,000 for the total budget last year it was \$52,500. The major portion is dispatching. Air pacs will need to be replaced. Company is out of business that certifies. Still need to upgrade them. They have a quote for \$80,000. Mike is checking to see if ARPA could fund this. Skip has not heard of any money besides the ARPA fund. Skip asked about the CCIF funds. Not sure about this. Mike wanted to know if we could phase them in. The amount quoted is for the entire amount as this gets a better rate. The other issue is the tanker. We have two options – what it carries now. Would like to have add a pump. What about a used pumper? Peacham just put in a new one for \$340,000. Would another department be able to use our pumper as it is now? Skip said it is inspected and ready to go. We are going to have to put something before the voters to see what we can do. Skip said that we need to explore used tankers. Mike said he should actively start looking for used ones. What about an off-road vehicle for being used on Class IV roads or difficult areas. Walden has one that we can use as we need. They use it as a rescue vehicle also. Mike would like to revisit this as needed.
 - d. Appropriations – Roman discussed the appropriations – they have asked \$500, and he is suggesting to double this for Friends of the Winooski. Joe’s Pond Association and West Danville Community Club are two different groups and Betty read the definition of each one. Each one focuses on different aspects of Joe’s Pond.
7. Other Business – There was no other business.
8. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, motion carried. We adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer