

SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Those present: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Frank Kampf, Jeanne Johnson, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Paul Wade, Lori Lori Augustyniak, Janet Westerfelt Lisa Olson, Neils Larsen, via zoom, Brock Miller, Stef Burt: Ian Ackermann, Matt Nally, Linda Gabrielson, Kurt Steinert, Beth Wade, Kathleen Hoyne, Kris Schmidt, Jean McCallum, Aldo Nunn

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, motion carried.
3. Continued budget discussions for 2022-2023 budget
4. The following came for scheduled budget discussion:
 - a. 5:00-Library: Kurt started off and discussed how they can build the budget and how can they can support another person for 10 hours per week. It could reduce the payroll budget if we can use some of the money from ARPA. Linda stated that they are doing a modest increase in books. We are still below the State Library funding. We are going to maintain the audio, but will not order more. Some dues and subscriptions went down somewhat. Insurance includes PACIF and disability. Health insurance may increase by 10% insurance at the end of the year this year. It is approximately \$8,000 higher. Monthly stipend for health insurance \$1,410. She should be held harmless for the social security, FICA, and Medicare.
 - b. 5:30-CCA: Paul Wade stated that the CCA is asking for the same appropriation as last year (\$10,000.00). Lori was able to raise another \$50,000 via private donations and grants. Investment well done. They Created UVM network with access to reporters to learn how to create a small town newspaper, economic development group, EV station. There are new ideas for the building and the property is going to be sold to a private investor. Whatever the space will be used for will use the same footprint. Agency of Community Development–is doing a history of the CCIF to kind of economic was it used. There is a group working creating new relationships with Cabot Creamery and spearheading a child care with the school. Mike wanted to know about the housing group. Lori is not sure where this is going. Chronicle for 9 issues \$20,275 issues per year 12 issues to \$26,000. We can do it with \$21,000 for 12 issues plus advertising. Working on advertising suppliers. Mike wanted to know about an e edition. Research does not support this. Paul said about the Trails – they are so popular for parking at Cheryl McQuenny if the road crew could help out on this.
 - c. 5:45-Rec Department–Brock – Line of fields is totally separate and does not come out of coordinator’s salary. She has always received \$400/month. Budget for last year \$8,000. Adding Twinfield – summer events – possibly movie on the screen instead of just sports. Increased Basketball and Soccer for coaches, referees – came out of miscellaneous items and would like to make it a little more transparent. Mike wanted to know what other towns are spending. They did not know. Might work to use ARPA money. There has been no concession, but could possibly go increase some more money. Twinfield – money for concessions and tickets for games. They are trying to define how Cabot would get the money. Feel like Cabot Rec Committee would take over the sports for both Twinfield and Cabot. Michelle Delaney would know about fertilizing. Asking \$19,700 from the Town.
 - d. 6:00-Appropriations – Janet Westerfelt was here about Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice – they did ask for \$400 increase. Friends of the Winooski that we could increase from \$300 to \$600. Increase of \$1, 322 for the year. Matt wanted to know what the increase would – help clean up the Winooski. Ambulance is asking for an increase of \$10,500. If we contract out \$50-60,000. They are always in need of ambulance drivers. Fast Squad will not help people for getting people transported. Her opinion is if we can man 25% of our calls that is 0 percent. Could possibly be a 5-minute delay as compared to a 30-minute delay. Mike wanted to know what about contracting. Kris stated that the appropriation would be considerably higher. Other places are having a hard time recruiting. We have 2 people from Marsfield on our roster and Wadlen has one person on the Fast Squad. Matt wanted to know if Walden uses Calx. Yes they do– they would tone Calx or Hardwick, or Barre Town.
 - e. 6:30 -General Budget – librarian salary is an increase of 5.9% - includes Kathleen, what is the increase – what is the increase employed – what is the average cost of living increase? Betty would like to give FPF \$250, \$14,000 for the audit. Can we look into grant writers? \$94,993 –library, we are trying to obtain tires, but none are available. Aldo is in the que for tires. Sinking fund – new trucks, put another \$10,000. Village expense of \$38,000 for winter and summer. Grader tires may be around \$12,000. During the Thanksgiving storm all trucks had flat tires. Rusty’s truck engine light is on. It may cost \$8,000, if the turbo goes, we do not have a truck. Aldo said that turbo is a Cummings motor and know they have problem, they will take care of it. Sid’s truck – there is an air chamber that runs the breaks, they have the parts and will have it together tomorrow. Fred – should we fix Rusty’s truck. Aldo said we should as long as they are covering the costs. We may be liable to a bearing if that is what it is. If we get it in there tomorrow, we could have it back by the end of the week. Paving - \$30,000 Cabot Plains will be voted on, \$9,000 for crack sealing. \$10,000 for Houston and the Cabot Plains.
General Fund – payroll – Listers have put in for a different time – same time or the time they are requesting – increase payroll \$5,600, 520 per person, now asking for 600, 620, 640 respectively. It is an Increase hours for

369 hours. Matt were they able to get the work done. Jeanne said they got the bear minimum done. Not able to be proactive and does add up to get the work done. If you had more time they could bring in more revenue. Grand list is up to date. There are a lot of cross referencing. Jeanne if they would have noticed if they were able to compare reports. Closing out of year can take weeks.

5. Public Comment

- a. Mike – more informational – governor signed regarding face masks – towns not have authority to require face coverings that are open to the public. Need to decide if we want to do this. Mike will be sending items and take some public comment. Look at it every 30 days through April 30 – sunset. Mike wrote something up and will discuss it next SB meeting.
- b. Furnace – The Willey Building needs to be addressed.

6. Other Business – There is no new business.

7. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred, with a second by Mike, motion carried and we adjourned at 6:59 p.m.