

SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Those present in person: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Michelle Leclerc, Betty Ritter, Lisa Olsen, Frank Kampf; via zoom: Matt Nally, Karlyn Schmitt, Ian Ackermann

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 5:00 pm
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian.
3. Continued budget discussions for 2022-2023 budget – a couple of items were outstanding. He library submitted a revised budget \$87,252. Need to decide on the 5% salary increase for all Town employees. Discussed the listers requested 960 hours versus to 360 they have. He went over the budget for listers. Do we want to allocate these hours? They are phasing in another type of system to replace CAMA and may need to have some more training. Matt felt that we give them the extra time and they don't have to use all of the hours. Efficiency is important. Ian agrees with Matt. Another area – Fire Dept. and ambulance adding in for dispatching. We could put into SB miscellaneous if the FD needs it. Ambulance will be \$34,500. It will change the Appropriations \$83,250. \$52,500 for the FD. Perhaps they can look to other dispatching services to lessen the cost. We then went over line by line in the general fund.

Highway – we then went over this also line by line. Sidewalk's clearing is important for adults and children. If Sid can do it in an hour, the amount of \$200/hour is a lot of money for an outside contractor. We need to have someone do it to have it cleared. The road crew's primary concern are the roads, but we need to still have the sidewalks done. Cabot Plains–paving. Doug Newton wanted to go over the paving for this. It goes just past the Burtt's house. Sousa property has goats and will have milk trucks go up in this area. Want to know the recommendations from Doug Newton. It needs to be striping down also. We will check further with Doug. Leased equipment – that is for the new 6-wheeler which is \$27,000 covers everything on the truck. We will find the grader tires this year. If we sell the trucks, they would go back to highway fund into a special account for future trucks.

Water and Wastewater budget is okay as is.

Rate is \$.6551/per hundred or \$.02

Revenue – on the highway I would like to put something in for a grant of \$14,000-\$20,000.

4. Public Comment -
5. Other Business - Suggest we refuse the bid and reconsider. Fred believes we need to have it done by an outside contractor. A motion by Mike was made that the SB would refuse the bid that was offered to clean sidewalks and hydrants as it was anticipated higher than what we thought with a second by Matt. Motion carried. Ian will work on the bid and possibly it

After tomorrow the next meeting will be January 4, 2021.

6. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred that we adjourn with a second by Mike. Motion carried. We adjourned at 5:59 p.m.