

SELECT BOARD BUDGET AGENDA
November 1, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Those present: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, R. D. Eno, Skip Bothfeld, Michelle Leclerc, Kris Schmitt, Jenn Miner, Stephanie Burt, Frank Kampf; via zoom: Ian Ackermann, Dean Deasy

1. Call meeting to order - the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mike Hogan.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment – There was no public comment
4. Ambulance/Emergency Management/Planning –
 - a. Emergency Management request is \$500. The director does not collect any stipend. There are other towns that do offer some stipend. Mike believed that the board should look at it, especially mileage. We should look at generators. Fred suggested that we check with the school to make sure they have one.
 - b. Planning Commission – working on VCD – reviewing regulations. Trying to do it conceptually. They are asking for \$2,650 dependent on 10% match for the municipal planning grant to hire someone to clean up the zoning regulations make them easier to read. Hopefully to have the Shoreline District, zoning relating to fences will be put on the warning. The PC is having a meeting Thursday night to approve the VCD. She wants to have the PC and SB approve before we submit it.
 - c. Town Health Officer - \$500 – this is to cover mileage and write reports.
 - d. Ambulance – only emergency entity, utilize mutual aid for other services. Request is \$40,000. Repairs to ambulance, and renting a truck if ambulance is not working. We did have a charitable donation that did take care of some repairs. The ambulance is 20 years old and there are many repairs that need to be done. Skip wanted to know how many calls went out. She would have to check on this. Need to start to operate as a business and need to start to charge for the calls that they never charged prior to this. If we have to contract out it would be more than double of what we checked into prior years. Dispatching will always increase. Dean had a question – some type of agreement to have the ambulance that is housed in a public structure. Jenn said that it should be on the amount of space they actually use. At the present time the ambulance does pay for the phone and internet. Mike wanted to know about training. Ambulance does local service locally once a month. If sending someone for EMT – Montpelier, Northfield or Valley. It is difficult as the ambulance pays for the training. They would like to have a signed agreement saying that they will serve ambulance in Cabot for 2 years. State does not have any programs for ambulance training.
5. Trails – they are asking for \$2,000. They had questions regarding the liability of the landowner. According to VLCT the liability is lifted from the landowner. Who is liable? They had a meeting VLCT about these concerns. RD wanted to know who is responsible. Mike suggested that they talk with the trails committee from East Montpelier. Some concerns are vandalism, dogs running into yard and bite some children. There are also agreements for non-motorized vehicles. RD wanted to know how we can enforce motorized vehicles. There really is no way. If they don't follow the rules, the landowners could pull their permission to have the trails go through their land.
6. Willey Building – would like to have something done about the windows and refurbishing the meeting room and are asking for \$50,000.
7. Rec Committee - \$17,425. Still have the ARPA money. How much is the increase for the coordinator – it is the same. We cut back on some programs because of a school grant. Facility repairs – picnic tables, repairing or replacing, benches at Larry's field repairs, pavilion repairs, skating rink, \$500 for Susie Socks as she does all the work for the ice rink, sharpening of skates, soccer – referees, t-shirts, field repairs – a soil test, seeder, seeds, paint lining tool. The whole field needs some work done because of the condition of the field many games cannot be played there. Increase is due to facility repairs, electricity, skating rink, extra usage of the pavilion. Twinfield does donate t-shirts, concessions, etc. The ARPA being used for \$13,625 for each year and to be used by 2024. Asking \$10,625 for the budget outside of the ARPA. Michelle Delaney is paying for the paint. Frank stated Michelle Delaney tried to fix the field but could not because of the flood plain.
8. The SB would like to have the library back at the next meeting. Does the school have any part on this for the after-hour's program.
9. Other Business – There was no other business.
10. Adjourn – a motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried and we adjourned at 5:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer