

**SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023, 5:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 5:00.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by Fred with a second by Karen. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment - There was no public comment.
4. Budget Preparation

5:00 PM – Listers – Jeanne discussed the budget. Most of the items are already there. We will need some additional funding for printing and postage for mailing. We do not need computers this year. We can save a lot of money as PVR does all their training for free. VALA dues are important as it reduces the price of training in their area. RD wanted to know why the budget is less than last year. Jeanne stated it was due to no need for another computer this coming year. Karen wanted to discuss the 7-year appraisal and do we need a “sinking fund”. We have one for this already.

5:15 PM – Zoning – Brittany is online for zoning. Postage is rolled in for permitting fees and letters to the abutters. Mapping will be discussed at another time. We have some budget money for \$16,000 for the next budget. She uses the lister’s computer for zoning. She should possibly get \$40.00/month for cellphone. What about the CVPRC – they are having difficulty with a zoning map that was voted on in 2019 and it was approved. We have been unable to get CVRPC to approve it and we cannot put this online with it as proposed. Any zoning for upcoming town meeting. The SB can now vote on the changes, if the SB is willing there can be amendments or any changes at any time of the year. RD stated there were 3 zoning articles that were approved – fencing, parking, making corrections. The first step to send these to the Department of Community Development and CVRPC and to the abutting towns (which was done originally but need to do again) and then allow 30 days for comment, hearing by the PC, the 15-day warning of meeting and SB has a hearing with a 15 day notice, and then can approve the amendments after 30 days.

5:30 PM – Cemetery – Budget cycle is \$20,000 appropriation. It is not enough to go forward, realistically he would need \$30,000. Years ago, there used to be a Sexton to help mow and care for the stones. It helps the Cemetery Commission to take care of the 7 cemeteries that we have. He took 2 trees down, one on Elm Street and one on Cabot Plains. He would like to see the Investment Fund Policy amended.

5:45 PM – Conservation – level funded for \$1,500. Appropriate the \$1,000 to carry forward within the Conservation and we will need to approve to carry over anything for the next year. This way we will not have anything on the warning. We have ARPA Funds that will be available for the Conservation Committee.

Trails – level funding of \$2,000. (We will be using the Town website to get what we want for trails. Old Center Road – needs 4 loads of materials (possibly FEMA). It is technically as a town owned driveway.

Flood Resilient Task Force – do not need money currently. Only expense – photos – google photo account – some monthly fee \$125.00 to store with other groups and share. We are going to be applying for grants and may be able to cover this. (This is under conservation and needs to have a subitem for conservation.)

5. Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried. We adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter