

**SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023, 3:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order - the meeting was called to order by Mike at 3:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by RD with a second by Fred, motion carried.
3. Public Comment – there was no public comment.
4. Budget Preparation

3:00 PM – Recreation – Shannon stated that they really don't have a budget. Not sure of the committee. Why is there a separate budget? Last year we budgeted \$10,000. Ice Skating rink is not happening this year because of the condition of the Common. Possibly next year the rink can be on the new basketball court. Discussion of a deposit for the use of the Pavilion. Could we add Ultimate Frisbee to the insurance. ARPA funding a few more improvements. Carryover \$151.00. They can use the ARPA money to do updates on the Pavilion. Shannon suggested that we even have a deposit for cleaning and if it is left satisfactorily, they would get their deposit returned. It was suggested that something be published in the Chronicle that the Rec Committee is working to make a bigger and better ice rink for the following year.

Work on rest of budget-Appropriations - \$18,735, Special Service Appropriations – might want to bid on ambulance services as they are in a makeover, getting “their house in order” through the CPA they are working on. They have already received the current year appropriation of \$40,000. When do contracts for emergency transport go out - possibly in May and June. Emergency Service – we should have in our budget either a contract with Cabot Ambulance or another ambulance. Put money in our budget and take \$30,000 out of FD. Karen stated that they do not have the ability to transport. Contract out for ambulance transport. Cabot Ambulance was in favor of fast squad. Who will come on a call. \$23,300 for supplies and \$30,000 for fast squad. Relabel ambulance in the new line for emergency transport services in the amount of \$40,000. Karen heard rumor that any building that houses an ambulance must be certified by the Department of Health. Fred – do we want to contract with Cabot Ambulance and should have the residents decide? Karen suggested that we should require that certification of CPA that everything is legal.

Cemetery asking for \$30,000 and would like to make it \$25,000.00; CCA is okay, Chronicle is okay.

Resilient Grant will be recommending our energy assistance. We are waiting to hear back from them on their audit of the WB.

Willey Building – is good.

Crosswalks – signs, striping, handicap.

Painting on roads – stencil to make it look good. We need better signage for parking and indicating there is no parking on Whittier Hill.

Karen suggested that we have an informational for people to review the budget process before Town Meeting. It was suggested that once we approve the budget, we put the preliminary budget in the Chronicle. One January 2 have an informational meeting regarding the budget. That way it will give everyone an opportunity to review the budget before we need to have the final copy to the printers.

Mike to write an article to go with the budget for the Chronicle.

What about Sid doing research to lease vs buyout. Sid will be coming at the meeting on the 18th.

5. Motion to Adjourn – a motion was made by Fred with a second by RD. Motion carried and we adjourned at 4:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Betty Ritter