

Warrant Committee Meeting
Feb 13, 2020
5 PM

I Call to Order/Roll Call 5:07 PM

Present: Jesse Dunbar, Chair, John Williams, Ruth Davis, Carolyn Ball, Priscilla Ksionzyk arrived at 5:50,
Jim Vallette arrived at 5:50

Abs: Don Lodge

Ex Officio: Kristin Hutchins, Select board member

Present: Marilyn Lowell, Town Clerk; Police Chief Alan Brown

II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 11, 2020

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes 4-0

III. Review of Police

1. Police

There is competition for officers, but right now staffing is ok. Will marijuana have an impact if we opt in? The chief doesn't know.

Kristin added that the select board is working on a plan to make one-sided parking from McEachern and Hutchins to Harbor House. The crown of the road will have to be moved to the new center. It will improve the visibility of pedestrians.

Computer licenses. \$3,000.

2. Police Reserve

The police and other departments will have a way to do tests and keep track of mandated testing. It is to be distributed to other departments.

The chief requested a vehicle but it was not accepted by the board. The chief discussed the need for him to have an unmarked, no cage, no Watchguard computer in a third vehicle for the police chief.

- It could be put it in service when a car is being maintained such as occurring right now. Extends the life of the other vehicles. Issued to one person increases the life of the vehicle. All police departments in Hancock County have a police car for the police chief. It will allow the chief to be available at any time; it's not appropriate for the chief to go to an incident in his personal car. Business of the summer.
- Drawbacks: concerns about taxing and spending, adding money in a reserve account for a car gives the perception that the decision has been made small size of community. Some towns in Hancock County do without police departments.

3. Police CIP

The speed trailer has been repaired by Scott Alley so it has more life to it. The newer one can count cars, highest speed, average speed.

4. Dispatch

The chief will be discussing overnight dispatch with Mt. Desert, Bar Harbor. No plans are under way right now.

5. Dispatch CIP

Tower Communication Upgrade: The plan is to update and move from the landline to transmit to car radios and to transmit radio to radio. It will require amending MOUs with other departments. Hancock County 911 dispatches and will continue to dispatch to us via landline.

IV. Review of Harbor Expenses / CIP

1. The electric went down because of a new supplier and may go down again next fiscal year. MSW stands for Municipal Solid Waste

There is a new dingy float that worked this year to create room off the main dock. Portable toilets are an addition to the harbor budget and were moved from under highway.

Boat traffic. No large private boats this year. There were two lobster truck permits and it is expected that there will be two this coming year. There is a waiting list for mooring permits. Parking is an issue. The Harbor receive overnight parking fees from the motel guests.

2. CIP

A new hoist will be purchased for Manset. The town has hired an engineer to make a plan for the Manset/Hook property so Hook Lot Development list \$0 funding for this coming fiscal year. The plan will go to select board and then to the voter. The planning board ensures that it meet harbor land use ordinance.

The harbormaster needs to replace the outboard motor this winter so the expected life listed of 2030 is for the next outboard motor.

V. Review of Harbor House Request

Harbor House has purchased across 40-44 Herrick Rd. It will double the parking. At some future date, there may be a possibility for possible workforce housing. The dilapidated houses will be off the property at the beginning of April.

85% of our funding comes from program fees and tax gift, 15% fund raising. HH nets \$225,000 on lobsters on the sound fund raiser.

VII. Other

The School is making its last payment on the school this fiscal year.

County tax will be more than originally budgeted so the current expected mil rate will be over four percent. The population of students is relatively steady given ups and downs of specific grades.

The warrant committee will vote on the town departments on Feb 18th after we have had visits from community service organizations

VIII. Next Meeting Dates:

February 18, 2020 5 PM

Feb 20 6 PM

Feb 26 A joint business with the Select board and School Committee

Mar 2 5 PM

March 11 is the date the warrant committee has to have recommendations to the select board

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM