



## Budget Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Budget Meeting

Town Office 5:30 PM

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

I. Lydia Goetze called the meeting to order at 5:34pm all members present.

II. Budget Review:

Highway budget was reviewed. Salary increases based on new collective bargaining agreement. Saline equipment will be purchased after Town Garage rebuild. Town will begin using a salt priority during snow events. Sand will be used at low temp events. A new snowblower is needed for the Bobcat.

Harbor budget was reviewed. No major changes to operational budget. Salary increases of 3% will be across all non-union employees.

(Dinner Break)

Code Enforcement-LPI budget reviewed. Only major change is addition of funds for P/T CEO Assistant.

Boards & Committees budget reviewed.

Water/Sewer CIP budget reviewed.

Projected Revenues were reviewed. Excise and Municipal Revenue Sharing were both up. Will utilize some unassigned fund balance to be decided later.

Administration budget was tabled to a later meeting. Administration CIP was relatively unchanged.

Contract Services, Debt Service, and Insurance budgets were reviewed with minimal changes.

Reserve Accounts were reviewed and budgeted to build up to goal balances.

III. Motion made by Chad Terry to adjourn at 9:00pm, seconded by Ryan Donahue, motion passed 5-0-0

Selectmen Budget Meeting

Fire Station Meeting Room 5:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

I. Lydia Goetze called the meeting to order at 5:35pm all members present.

II. Budget Review:

Police budget was reviewed. Salary increases based on new collective bargaining agreement. Chief would like to add Power DMS software. Police CIP reviewed. Reserve account for reimbursement to other departments for officer hires.

Dispatch budget was reviewed. Salary increases based on new collective bargaining agreement. Dispatch CIP reviewed.

(Dinner Break)

Fire department budget reviewed. Increase to Chief hours requested and increased stipends to members when they respond to calls. Discussed refitting the primary trucks and disposing of the 1980's mini-pumper and replacing with a 1-ton P/U.

Mount Heights Cemetery came to discuss their financial situation and request increased support from the Town.

SWH Historical Cemetery came in to discuss budget no major changes.

- III. Motion made by Chad Terry to adjourn at 9:20pm, seconded by Ryan Donahue, motion passed 5-0-0

Selectmen Budget Meeting

Town Office 5:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2020

- I. Lydia Goetze called the meeting to order at 5:37pm, Alan Willey absent and excused.
- II. Budget Review:  
Down East Transportation (Island Explorer) came in to review system usage and budget. No change to allocation. 80,000 riders on SWH route last year.

Harbor House reviewed budget and recent purchase of Herrick Rd property.

(Dinner Break)

Library allocation and usage reviewed, there are 1,300 card holders.

Island Housing Trust made a new request for funding this year. Board discussed affordable housing programs they offer.

SWH/Tremont Nursing association discussed the ambulance service funding increase. Town requested review of the amounts charged to each of the Towns considering the populations and calls for service are close to the same. Lydia asked that they increase fundraising efforts.

Conservation Commission discussed budgets for the Commission, Charlotte Rhoades Park and the Tree Fund. There are significant changes to the budget process for this year at Town Meeting. Entire budget to be approved by Town.

- III. Motion made by Kristin Hutchins to adjourn at 7:42pm, seconded by Ryan Donahue, motion passed 3-0-0, Chad Terry left early.