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Jeff Northgraves
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Selectboard Agenda
Date: March 10, 2022, 8:30 AM
Zoom Meeting

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Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater, Chief Calderwood

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. New Business

a. Review FY 23 Budgets

Tentative Schedule

Ambulance, Town Roads, Solid Waste, Town Landing, Administration, Conservation Commission, Assessor, Capital Expense, and Recreation.

Ambulance

Ambulance Director Drinkwater presented her budget to the Selectboard. There was a discussion on the wage increases. Drinkwater will put together a spreadsheet with a breakdown of hours and hourly rates. The night shift rate has also been increased. Also discussed was the increase in revenues.

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Town Roads

Spear presented the Town Roads budget to Selectboard.

The budget includes wages, the installation of 4 culverts, loam and seed for the Waterman Beach Road project and paving.

There was a lengthy discussion on paving.

Solid Waste

Spear presented the Solid Waste budget to the Selectboard.

Cost for an operator was added. Operations/burning was increased as the cost of pushing cans down and other work Gerry Grierson used to do will now be more costly.

The fees to DM & J have increased as has the transfer station assessment.

Town Landing

Baines reviewed the budget with the Selectboard. She will reach out to Jim Kalloch to get a price on putting the float in the water in the spring and removing it in the fall.

Administration

Baines presented the budget to the Selectboard. There was a short discussion on needing a sound system for the Town Meeting if the meeting is held at Ash Point School.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission budget was approved by the Selectboard as presented.

Assessor

The Assessor budget was approved by the Selectboard as presented.

Capital Expense

There was a brief discussion on phone systems and the age of the server. Baines will reach out to Gus to find out the age of the server and if/how long the Microsoft operating system will support updates.

Recreation

There was a discussion on adding mulch for the playground to the budget. Also discussed was the Skateboard Park and adding money to the budget for repairs.

Reserves

The Selectboard reviewed all reserve accounts. A recreation reserve account was added funded with \$500.

IV. Adjourn

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:23 am.

Motion passed 3-0.

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