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**Minutes**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Budget Review With**  
**Budget Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2022    **Time:** 6:00 pm    **Place:** Municipal Building    **REV:0**

**Selectboard Present:** Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz

**Budget Committee Members Present:** Moira Paddock, Sondra Wallace, Bob Baines, Kate Green, Bev St. Clair, Linda Maltais, Camille Minikis via zoom

**Others Present:** Terri-Lynn Baines, Chief Calderwood, EMA Director Thomas,

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

**I. Call to Order**

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**II. Adjustments to Agenda**

There were no adjustments.

**III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Elect Budget Committee Chair**

Moira Paddock was elected. 5-1

**V. Elect Budget Committee Secretary**

Kate Greene was elected as Secretary. 5-1

**VI. Northgraves gave an overview of funding, revenues, and the budget.**

**VII. 2022-2023 Budget Review**

**a. Fire Department (line # 476. Reserves: Fire Pond line #1221, Fire Truck line #1223, Fire Equipment line #1224)**

Chief Calderwood gave an overview of calls and training for FY 22.

The Chief was awarded several grants last year.

Chief Calderwood ran through an overview of his budget.

The Chief explained the Town would have a 5% match if a fire truck grant was awarded .

There was a brief discussion on hand tools, PPE and the air compressor.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the proposed Fire Department Budget. In the amount of \$128,894. 7-0.

There was a discussion on grants and what happens with budgeted amounts if the grants are not received.

Briefly discussed was regionalization and the two fire trucks that are due to be replaced.

There was a discussion on the cola.

*Northgraves moved to pull the \$28,571 out of the fire department budget to make the bottom line \$128,894.*

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**Fire Pond \$5,500.**

The Chief gave an overview of the fire ponds in town.

**Fire Truck Reserve \$60,835.**

**Fire Equipment Reserve \$10,000.**

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the three reserve accounts. 7-0.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Fire Pond Maintenance Reserve at \$5,500, the Firetruck Reserve at \$60,835, the Fire Equipment Reserve \$10,000 and no funding for the Fire Truck Repair Reserve.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**b. General Public Safety (line #760, Emergency Disaster Reserve line #1233)**

Northgraves reviewed the budget line by line for the Budget Committee.

Director Thomas explained the Emergency Alert system.

The Director talked about her plans for an assistant and training him/her.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the General Public Safety Budget in the amount of \$67,397. 7-0.

**Emergency Disaster Reserve**

Director Thomas explained the ways fund could be used after an emergency. She would like to see the fund reach \$75,000.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the General Public Safety Budget in the amount of \$10,000. 4-3.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to give preliminary approval to the General Public Safety budget in the amount of \$67,397.*

There was a discussion on mileage and gas costs.

*Reitz amended and Northgraves seconded his motion to add \$200 to the budget under fuel. For a total of \$67,597.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve funding the Emergency Disaster Fund at \$10,000.*

There was a brief discussion.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

The Budget committee revisited the budget and increased fuel by \$200 for mileage. \$67,597. 7-0.

**c. Building & Grounds (line #274)**

Baines presented the budget. Spear explained the paving line for paving the FD parking lot.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Building & Grounds budget in the amount of \$90,811. 7-0.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Building and Grounds budget of \$90,811.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**d. Streetlights (line #845)**

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Baines presented the Streetlight budget.  
The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the streetlight budget for \$3,925. 7-0.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminary approve the Streetlight budget in the amount of \$3,925.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**e. Capital (line #1347)**

There was a discussion on the phone system and server.  
The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Capital line in the amount of \$15,743. 7-0.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve Capital Expense at \$15,743.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The Budget Committee adjourned at 9:06pm.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:09pm.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

Join

Zoom

Meeting

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