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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Budget Review with
Budget Committee

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 **Time:** 6:00 pm **Place:** Municipal Building **REV:0**

Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Moira Paddock, Sondra Wallace, Kate Greene, Camille Minikis via zoom.

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

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:02.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

There were no adjustments.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Approve Minutes

The Budget Committee approved their minutes of April 5th.

V. 2022-2023 Budget Review

a. Revisit budgets if needed

If needed, the Transfer Station Budget will be revisited Monday, April 11th by the Budget Committee and the Selectboard Tuesday, April 12th.

b. Revenues/Funding

Spear explained how the Homestead Reimbursement Exemption is paid out by the State.

The Selectboard discussed the Homestead Reimbursement and the projected Revenue Sharing.

The Selectboard worked on the Funding Sheet using the Homestead Reimbursement and Revenue Sharing numbers and the tax levy limit.

The Selectboard and Budget Committee discussed MLA's request for a donation to their legal defense fund. The Budget Committee recommends putting it on the Town Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting. The Selectboard will discuss this at their April 12th meeting.

c. Vote on Budget

Budget Committee approved the following budget amounts:

Administration \$278,735.

Assessor \$50,475.

Revaluation Reserve \$10,000.

Planning & Appeals Board \$2,745.

Conservation Commission \$500.

Building & Grounds \$90,811.
Town Landing \$3,615.
Town Landing Reserve \$3,385.
CEO/LPI \$31,100
Fire Department \$128,894.
Fire Truck Reserve \$60,835.
Fire Equipment Reserve \$10,000.
Fire Pond Maintenance \$5,500.
Ambulance Service \$277,813.
Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve \$5,000.
General Public Safety \$67,597.
Emergency Disaster Reserve \$10,000.
Streetlights \$3,925.
Town Roads \$356,795.
Solid Waste \$282,051.
Social Services \$1,500.
Library \$4,513.
Recreation \$2,020.
Recreation Reserve \$5,000.
Debt Service \$68,296.
Cemetery/Georges River Shellfish/Veterans \$31,794.
Cemetery Reserve \$1,000.
Capital Expense \$15,743.
Total Budget Committee Approved Budget \$1,809,641

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to change the Selectboard's preliminary amount from \$709 to \$500 for the Conservation Commission budget.

The decrease is due to removing the cost of hosting a website from the budget. There was a discussion that the Conservation Commission should not have its own website, independent from the Town's website.

Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectboard had a discussion on Capital Expenses.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to recommend all the final numbers on the preliminary budgets.

Motion passed 3-0.

Spear moved and Reitz seconded a motion to increase the amount of the surplus applied to this budget by \$40,297.

Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Adjournment

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm

Motion passed 3-0.

Selectboard approved 4/12/2022