

Minutes of the Work Session January 30, 2020

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman and Scott Young
In Attendance:

The work session was called to order at 5:35PM.

The Selectmen reviewed a preliminary budget, line by line reducing under expended lines as appropriate and examining reasons for increases.

It was noted that the Elections and Registration budget was higher due to 4 elections in 2020. Funds have been included for Deputy Town Clerk Terri March to attend certification classes, pending Selectmen approval. Approval was granted.

The Selectmen discussed the legal budget and acknowledged it was not necessary to increase it for 2020.

The Police Budget has increased due to salary increases; the operations portion remains consistent with 2019.

The Board discussed the contributions made to various organizations that serve members of our community. They voted to approve a contribution to Strafford Nutrition and Meals on Wheels; they seem to be serving a good number of Strafford residents.

The Recycling Budget has increased due to the actual cost of recycling paper and plastic and disposal of glass.

The Selectmen discussed the proposed funding of the following Capital Reserve Funds and decided reduce by ½ many of their requests, with the exception of the funding to the Bridge CRF for the Barn Door Gap Bridge, which they are hoping to complete in 2020.

- \$50,000 to Future Fire Truck reduced to \$25,000, pending Fire Department approval.
- \$15,000 to Future Police Vehicle to \$7500, pending Police Department approval.
- \$10,000 to Town Hall Improvements reduced to \$5000.
- \$10,000 to Recycling Center Equipment reduced to \$5000.
- \$10,000 to Library Improvements reduced to \$5000, pending approval from library trustees.

Some issues have arisen with the Town website. The Selectmen will ask Christine Bane who manages the website to attend their work session next Tuesday.

The Bicentennial Committee requested a larger contribution than previous years with the event to take place this year.

The Selectmen will hold another work session next Tuesday, the 4th of February at 5:30.

With no further business to come before the Board, it was moved, seconded, and voted in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:58.