

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020
8 A.M. – TOWN HALL**

First Selectman Matthew Hoey called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Present: Board Members: Matthew Hoey, Charles Havrda, Susan Renner,
Louis Federici and Sandra Ruoff

Town Officials: Finance Director Maryjane Malavasi, Human
Resources Director Mitch Goldblatt and Clerk
Traci Brinkman

1. Discussion of FY2020-2021 budget and Five-Year Capital Plan.

Mr. Hoey said he spoke with Parks and Recreation Director Rick Maynard and Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Rose Dostert. They understand the rationale of what the board is trying to do with regard to the Program Fund. They understand the issues with perception and agree with the idea to get it down to about \$150,000 over time, which is an appropriate level. He added that they expressed some concerns with the idea of supporting the salary line item with some of that fund year over year. He added that there was also discussion about having one full time receptionist in place of the two part-time positions. Making this change would only increase the budget \$5,000 and they would use \$40,000 from the fund to offset program costs. This would give an overall reduction in Parks and Recreation of \$40,505.

There was discussion about the benefit costs for a new public works employee.

Ms. Malavasi said the fire chief cut half his capital which is about \$200,000.

It was noted that there was about a \$900,000 decrease in state revenue and combined with the 11% increase in debt service in order to get the budget close to a 3% increase they would need to cut another \$150,000.

The board looked at a variety of tax increase calculations with varying estimates on the growth of the Grand List, which is being released tomorrow.

Mr. Havrda said if the Grand List grows by 1 percent or more he can live with the budget numbers they have discussed. If not, he thinks they need to go back and do more work.

The board discussed a variety of different numbers and percentages. There was discussion about taking the server upgrade in communications out and using technology money to pay for the cost of \$35,000.

Ms. Malavasi then went through the answers to the questions the board had at the last meeting. The fixed cost for the on-site hazardous waste disposal event would be about \$1,500. The rest of it is the cost for the estimated number of residents that would be attending. She then went over projects the part-time building official has been working on. Ms. Malavasi said the question related to the GIS cost is based on project needs for services related to MS-4 mapping and the Inland Wetlands map needs to be updated. The last time that was done was in 2003. She added that people do request maps from the map copier and they charge \$5 for a black and white and \$20 for a large color sheet. These are one of many fees they are looking at updating.

She added that with regard to the copier fees in the Fire Department, they received a second copier to replace printers and this is the reason for the increase. The increase in physicals is due to an increase cost per physical and an increase cost for drug screens.

Youth and Family Services building maintenance increase is just due to the age of the building and things that come up during the year.

Ms. Malavasi said Mr. Neydorff based the streetlight maintenance line on service rates and the experience that Madison has had, but they could probably decrease it more if the board wants to.

Mr. Hoey said as soon as he gets figures regarding the Grand List the following day he would inform the board and he would put the budget and capital plan on Monday morning's Board of Selectmen Meeting agenda.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mr. Havrda and seconded by Ms. Renner, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

*Vote: In Favor: Hoey, Havrda, Renner, Federici and Ruoff
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None*

Respectfully submitted,

Traci K. Brinkman

Clerk

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