

Select Board Meeting Minutes 02/16/21

Sel. McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

The following persons were present via Zoom: Sel. McCaffery, Sel. Pete Jurmain, Sel. Erin Underhill, Town Administrator Michael Guzinski and Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret.

21-044 Review and Approval of PFAS Letter to Legislators

The Board reviewed a draft letter to legislators regarding PFAS impacts on municipalities. The Board asked that the letter be sent to not only the Governor, but the Lieutenant Governor as well. The Board discussed adding language at the end of the letter noting that the information we have gathered says this is a wide-ranging problem and is an issue that need to be address sooner rather than later.

21-045 Budget Policy Discussion – Revenue Sharing

Carol Johnston, Finance Director, reviewed an email she sent to the Board regarding the starting point of the FY22 budget. A discussion ensued about funding, discretionary versus non-discretionary and what affects the entire Town as well as health and retirement expenses.

Ms. Johnston reviewed FY22 above level service requests by various Town departments. The current request is a total of \$326,237.56 but it was noted that this does not include DPW or Building Department requests. A discussion about the 65/35 revenue split versus shifting new money to a flat percentage across the board, i.e., 4%, it would be a new way of looking at things. Since the school has a higher base, a flat percentage would give the schools a higher amount. Chair McCaffrey said there is a need to look at the needs of the community now to see what the correct allocation of resources would be. A discussion ensued about having the Town and School list their must-funds and again how to prioritize items.

The Board decided not to share the list of above level service requests during the Tri-Board meeting but noted that it is public information.

A discussion about marijuana impact funds requests for FY22 was had. Constrained by revenue recognition laws but the money is coming in in the fall and the Board would revisit cost items then.

Sel. Jurmain made a motion to adjourn at 3:40pm, the motion was seconded by Sel. Underhill. Sel. McCaffery polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Schindler