

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, October 24, 2022

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Martha Eldridge and Susan Simpson. Selectman Jonathan Smith was absent. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes. Public Works Director TJ Eldridge was absent.

Selectman Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Discussion:

Sawyer presented an updated Registration Dept budget sheet for 2023. Eldridge motioned to approve the \$5,515. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer presented the 2023 proposed budget for the Selectmen's Office of \$919,900. Eldridge motioned to approve the Selectmen's Office budget sheet. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer presented the 2023 proposed budget for Conservation of \$26,784. Eldridge motioned to approve the budget sheet as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer presented the 2023 proposed budget for the Planning Board of \$40,070. Eldridge motioned to approve the budget sheet as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer presented the 2023 proposed budget for the Zoning Board of Adjustment of \$17,15. Eldridge motioned to approve the budget sheet as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer presented the 2023 proposed budget for the Trustee of Trust funds of \$5,741. Eldridge motioned to approve the budget sheet as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Sawyer presented the 2023 proposed budget for the Dog Officer of \$14,350. Eldridge motioned to approve the budget sheet as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the new dump stickers which Sawyer has recently ordered. Sawyer informed the Board that he would be attending the regional ambulance meeting later that evening, to find out what the Town's new ambulance budget would be for 2023, as it can vary by year according to what % of the calls occurred in Ossipee.

Sawyer asked if the Board wanted the Outside Agencies that applied for funding to come in and present to the Board. There was a brief discussion and it was determined that since they are all repeat applicants, there was no need to bring them in.

The Selectmen went through the red folder and asked Sawyer about a cemetery deed, and the purpose of it. Sawyer said he would look into it and the Board said they would leave it in the folder for next week.

Police Chief Tony Castaldo presented the 2023 proposed budget of \$1,324,950. Eldridge motioned to approve the budget sheet as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Chief Castaldo said he would recommend level funding the Police Special Detail budget at \$25,000. Eldridge motioned to approve the budget of \$25,000. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

There was a discussion regarding the PD buying a cruiser now out of their extra funds in the budget due to being short-staffed. Sawyer said that he has drafted a warrant article to start a Police Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. Castaldo presented purchase orders for the new cruiser, the outfitting of the cruiser, and the network refresh for his computer system. Eldridge motioned to approve all three. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Being no further input, Eldridge motioned to recess until 4:15 PM in the gym. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman