

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, November 8, 2021

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

Acting Chairman Eldridge called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

Discussion:

At 3:01 PM Maria Moulton presented the 2022 Department Request for the Library's budget. A discussion ensued and at 3:10 PM Eldridge made a motion to accept and recommend the budget as presented for \$228,641. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0.

Town Administrator Sawyer presented the following 2022 Dept budget requests, resulting in the following votes:

Interest Expense at \$10,000. Eldridge motioned to accept and recommend as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0

Insurance at \$143,000. Eldridge motioned to accept and recommend as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0

Fire Warden at \$21,995. Eldridge motioned to accept and recommend as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0

Ambulance at \$399,250 per the contract. Eldridge motioned to accept and recommend as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0

Emergency Management at \$6,700. Eldridge motioned to accept and recommend as presented. Simpson seconded and the vote passed 2-0

The group then reviewed the Health- Outside Agencies budget sheet and Sawyer reminded them that End 68 Hours of Hunger and Starting Point would be presenting downstairs at 4:15 PM since they had increased requests. Sawyer said that from their application packets and their presentations at the Budget Committee, their requests seem to make sense and be warranted, offering a great value to the Town. Sawyer also reminded the Selectmen that Tri-County CAP now combines their three programs, leading to a reduction from around \$17,000 to their request this year of \$9,875, but that last year the Selectmen increased them to \$13,000 knowing that Ossipee uses a disproportionate amount of their services and resources than the funding formula which is based on population. The Selectmen said they would discuss it and likely vote to increase it to \$13,000 downstairs in the other session.

At 4:00 PM Selectmen Simpson motioned to recess. Eldridge seconded and a 2-0 resulted in a recess until 4:15 PM in the gym.

(Approval signatures on page 2)

N/A

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman