

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 23, 2024

6:30

Virtual, via Zoom

Members present: Craig Lauer, Bob Guerriero, Don Cole, Greg Myers and Bill Nickles

Members absent: Omid Gharony

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. The entire meeting can be viewed by going to:

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Agenda Item #1: Well Monitoring at Landfill

- The cost for Landfill well monitoring is up 11%. Question was asked if we need to continue to do this testing in perpetuity. DEP has not given the Town permission to stop testing.
- Motion to approve Well monitoring budget by Craig Lauer, seconded by Don Cole: **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #2: Board of Health

- Included \$1600 for continued beaver remediation.
- Animal inspector wages included in budget.
- Nashoba Board of Health assessment is up 10%.
- Nashoba Board of Health provides services such as pond testing, food inspection, etc.
- Motion to approve Board of Health budget by Craig Lauer, seconded by Don Cole: **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #3: Nursing

- Nurse services is also a product of Nashoba Board of Health and is an assessment.
- Gives us access to 3 nurses.
- Motion to approve Nursing budget by Craig Lauer, seconded by Don Cole: **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #4: Parks and Recreation

- Lisa Sheppple has gone full-time and it is reflected in wages.
- Moving summer camp to Camp Resolute but it will not have an impact on the budget as that cost is being passed on in registration.
- Purchase and services are primarily contract for portable toilets.
- There was some discussion on lifeguard costs moving over to Camp Resolute.
- There is a capital request this year for two pickleball courts.

- Motion to approve Parks and Recreation budget by Don Cole, seconded by Craig Lauer: **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #5: Police

- Presenting budget is Chief Nelson and Lorraine Kenney.
- Currently have 12 full-time, 4 part-time and 1 part-time and wages and salary are all contractual.
- Must do some work on jail cells to stay in compliance with current codes.
- Equipment and cruiser purchase has increased, and we are switching back to gas equipment because of problems with hybrids. Most of this cost increase has to do with the equipment (like cameras) that must be installed.
- Motion to approve Police budget by Craig Lauer, seconded by Don Cole: **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #6: Public Safety

- Purchase and services include Wi-Fi for Forbush tower and a backup battery system.
- Maintenance on buildings has increased and is for specialized equipment in the building itself.
- Public Safety is responsible for maintenance on specific components of the building.
- Software support went up because the archiving system for social media has increased.
- Motion to approve Public Safety budget by Craig Lauer, seconded by Don Cole: **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #7: Dispatchers

- Set assessment but do not have final number.
- No vote on this item.

Agenda Item #8: Emergency Management

- Only expense is the code red SMS notice.
- Service has gone up with additional service.
- No vote on this item.

Agenda Item #9: Capital Request

- Moving body camera video to the cloud so that it is more efficient working with requests from the courts.
- Startup costs higher in first year because of equipment costs and then it levels off.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Approved by the Advisory Committee