

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual, via Zoom

Members present: Brian Boyle, Bob Guerriero, Ann Hurd, Craig Lauer, and Bill Nickles

Members absent: Omid Gharony

Call to order: Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The entire meeting can be viewed by going to:

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Agenda Item #1: Fire/EMS budget (230)

- Fire Chief Jeff Legendre presented the proposed Fire/EMS budget.
- Total Wages reflected both a COLA increase and an increase in the number of firefighter calls year to year, for a total wages increase of \$41,191.
- Purchase of Services reflected a requested increase of \$8,217 due to the increasing cost of preventative maintenance for equipment such as stretchers, monitors, etc.
- Costs for Coastal Medical Billing increased by \$2,300 due to the increase in the number of calls year over year.
- **MOTION:** Craig Lauer moved to approve the Fire/EMS budget of \$582,714; seconded by Ann Hurd. **VOTING IN FAVOR:** Brian Boyle, Bob Guerriero, Ann Hurd, Craig Lauer, and Bill Nickles. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #2: Board of Health budget

- Chris Rogers presented several Board of Health-related proposed budgets.
- Landfill (439)
 - Well monitoring costs for the town landfill are level funded from last year.
 - **MOTION:** Craig Lauer moved to approve the Landfill budget as presented, for a total of \$6,100; seconded by Bob Guerriero. **VOTING IN FAVOR:** Brian Boyle, Bob Guerriero, Ann Hurd, Craig Lauer, and Bill Nickles. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0).**
- Board of Health (510)
 - Board of Health wages reflected a COLA increase, for a total increase of \$2,265.
 - After discussion, it was determined that the increased assessment from the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health would total \$17,675. This would represent a significantly larger increase than the town has seen in recent years. This budget item was tabled pending a more detailed explanation of the reason for the large assessment increase.
- Nursing (522)
 - Proposed costs for the Nursing Purchase of Services reflected an increase of \$1,446 for a total of \$8,101. This would represent a significantly larger

increase than the town has seen in recent years. This budget item was tabled pending a more detailed explanation of the reason for the large increase.

Agenda Item #3: Parks and Recreation budget (630)

- Ed Sterling and Lisa Sheppple presented the proposed Parks and Recreation budget.
- Ed and Lisa described the increase in the number of hours that the Parks and Rec Coordinator would work in FY2023 from 12 hours per week to 19.5 hours per week, as well as the intent to add an additional week of swimming lessons. These changes, as well as a step increase and COLA increase, result in a proposed increase to wages of \$25,487.
- Parks and Recreation Purchase of Services increased by \$6,000 to \$11,345 due to an increase in the number of portable toilets that will be needed in FY2023.
- **MOTION:** Bill Nickles moved to approve the Parks and Recreation budget as presented, for a total of \$76,066; seconded by Ann Hurd. **VOTING IN FAVOR** Brian Boyle, Bob Guerriero, Ann Hurd, Craig Lauer, and Bill Nickles. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0).**

Agenda Item #4: Advisory Committee business

- Meeting minutes from January 11, 2022, were presented. Motion to approve minutes by Bill Nickles, seconded by Craig Lauer; **VOTING IN FAVOR** Bob Guerriero, Craig Lauer, and Bill Nickles. Brian Boyle and Ann Hurd abstained since they were not present at the January 11th meeting. **VOTED AND PASSED (3-0).**
- The next Advisory Committee meeting will take place on February 1, 2022.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Approved by the Advisory Committee