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BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP MEETING APRIL 8, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Steven P. Rose, Chairman (via teleconference)

Eric S. Beckerman, Clerk (via teleconference) Jason L. Suzor, Associate (via teleconference)

Others Present:

Gregory S. Enos, Town Administrator (via teleconference) Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant (via teleconference) Deb Morin, Treasurer/Collector (via teleconference)

William A. Fitzgerald, Jr. (via teleconference)

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with all members present. The purpose of this Workshop Meeting was to review the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 and for the approval of a Street Opening Permit.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Mr. Enos reviewed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022. He reminded the Board that the goals and objectives for the upcoming budget is to maintain level services, focus primarily on the impact to the property taxpayers, and to work with departments and committees on a Capital Plan. Mr. Enos informed the Board that some budget restraints included a stagnate on local receipts, fixed costs, and unreliable state aid figures. Mr. Enos informed the Board that some cost savings to the town for next year include the implementation of LED streetlights, paying off the last two years of one of the town's larger bonds by using free cash which will save the town approximately \$55,000, and lowering building maintenance fees by requesting the assistance of the DPW. Finally, Blue Hills Regional High School reports that five less students from Avon will attend next year providing a reduction of \$54,000. Mr. Enos informed the Board that the three biggest additions to the budget for next year will be the addition of a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Health Agent, the increase of trash disposal fees, and insurance fees. Mr. Enos stated that the contract for waste disposal is up for renewal and labor costs have increased 29% from the last contract. Mr. Enos anticipates needing an additional \$80,000 in funding for waste disposal fees. Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2022 with an increase in the trash disposal fees, non-union salary line item for the Board of Health, and the insurance line item. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Street Opening Permit Application

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Street Opening Permit Application submitted by Eversource for a proposed 4' x 6' road cut to abandon gas service at 156 South Street. Mr. Suzor

seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 12:01 p.m. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna M. Faro

Executive Assistant

List of Documents

1. Fiscal Year 2022 PowerPoint Presentation

Shanna m. Fano

2. Street Opening Permit for 156 South Street