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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2020 at 12:00 p.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)

Debra Morin, Treasurer/Collector (via teleconference)
Erin Barry, Town Accountant (via teleconference)
Paul Sullivan, Principal Assessor (via teleconference)

Chairman Rose announced that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. Chairman Rose reminded the viewing audience that persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by joining the Zoom link for the videoconference in session.

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Each Board member acknowledged their presence at the meeting by responding in the affirmative during the roll call. In addition, all anticipated speakers acknowledge their presence by responding in the affirmative when Chairman Rose called their names.

## Discussion of Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022

Chairman Rose informed the Board that the purpose of the Workshop Session was to discuss the status of the Town's finances for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021, budget preparation for Fiscal Year 2022, and the potential for a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Enos reviewed the status of the Town's stabilization accounts, local receipts year-to-date, and Fiscal Year 2021 state aid figures with the Board. Mr. Enos provided the Board with an estimated projection of the tax rate, certified free cash amounts, and proposed capital spending for Fiscal Year 2021. Mr. Enos also reviewed the projected revenues for the Town.

Mr. Enos informed the Board that there are already several articles awaiting a Town Meeting vote including, but not limited to, resolving some unpaid bills, retroactive pay for a Police Officer, the septic loan account, increasing the Avon Public Library budget to eliminate the need for a waiver from the state.

Finally, Mr. Enos provided a review of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget preparations to date. Mr. Enos stated that the goal for FY 22 was to maintain a reduction in expense lines for every department. He would also work to remain staffing levels within the budget parameters while providing department heads' salary projections for Fiscal Year 2022. Mr. Enos stated that he will also continue to review ways for efficiency between departments.

The Board held a brief discussion upon the conclusion of the Town Administrator's presentation regarding the financial status of the Town. The Board decided not to schedule a Special Town Meeting at this time, but to review and reassess the matter in January.

## **Adjournment**

At 1:30 p.m., Mr. Beckerman made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Session. Mr. Suzor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna M. Faro

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator