

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD/ BUDGET MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2020

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Meeting/workshop was called to order at 4:30 pm by Lynne Bertram, Chair

Present: Brian Bontrager, Norman (Nope) Martin Vicky Young, Nancy Robinson and Hank Smith, Trustee of Public Funds

Additions to agenda: Funding for new building and Wastewater Account

Budget worksheets were given to the board with as many line items completed as possible in the general, highway and wastewater accounts. Still waiting for 3 social service petitions and a couple outside organization budget numbers. Discussion of recent letter regarding increase in ambulance assessment going up from \$34.00 to \$70.00 per capita or \$65,520.00. David Green will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss this increase. Reviewed ABLE Waste information and contract from last week's meeting. Board signed contract of \$10,400.00 to include annual increases up to 4%. Bag rate will not increase. Windsor County Sheriff's line item unchanged from last year, will continue at \$56.00 per hour x 12 hours day x 365 days per year \$245,280.00. Will continue to ask Sheriff's Dept. to patrol back road and respond to safety events.

Payroll and benefits section in Highway Department budget is increased due to wage increase for the three new employees; insurance line is down due to 2 party plans being dropped to single plan policies. Most all other lines are level funded.

Wastewater budget has an increase for the operational contract but has a decrease on some line items and a small surplus to keep budget level funded. Should be able to maintain annual user rate of \$530.00.

Salaries for the clerk and treasurer were discussed. Lynne moved to give cost of living adjustments to both the town clerk and treasurer beginning with July 1 fiscal year. Brian seconded the motion and motion carried.

Nope moved to enter into executive session at 6:25 pm per 1 V.S.A. 13 (3) to discuss personnel. Lynne seconded the motion and motion carried. Returned to open meeting at 6:40 pm. No action taken.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

Nancy Robinson,  
Clerk