

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

April 7, 2021

Board met in session at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM conferencing.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair
M. C. Moses Grader
James E. Nye

Jason Silva, Town Administrator

BUDGETS. The following Departments appeared before the Board to present their FY2022 budgets:

Police Department. Police Chief Robert Picariello appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,094,438.00 for Salaries, \$182,390.00 for Expense, \$5,000.00 for Indemnification of Officers, for a total operating budget of \$4,280,369.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Animal Inspector. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,400.00 for Salaries, for a total operating budget of \$2,400.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Fire Department. Fire Chief Jason Gilliland appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,142,792.00 for Salaries, \$201,619.00 for Expense, \$5,000.00 for Fire Alarm Expense, for a total operating budget of \$4,349,411.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Harbors and Waters Department. Mark Souza appeared before the Board to present the Harbors & Waters Board proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$409,803.00 for Salaries, \$438,576.00 for Expense, \$120,000.00 for Capital Outlays, for a total operating budget of \$968,379.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Highway/Drain/Tree Department. Rob Dever, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,331,850.00 for Salaries, \$160,812.00 for Expense, \$14,425.00 for Rebuild/Maintain Streets and Sidewalks, \$100,000.00 for Snow Removal, for a total operating budget of \$1,607,087.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Veterans Services Department. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2022 as follows:

Veterans' Agent. Motion made and seconded to approve \$68,226.00 for Salaries, \$1,243.00 for Expense, \$1,100.00 for Local Travel, \$45,000.00 for Benefits, for a total operating budget of \$115,569.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Memorial Day. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Graves Officer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$7,050.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$7,050.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Weights and Measures. David C. Rodgers, Sealer of Weights and Measures, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$250.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$250.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Engineering Department. Charles Quigley, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to present the proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$169,219.00 for Salaries, \$10,645.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$179,864.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Building Inspection Department. Jason Silva, Town Administrator, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Building Inspection budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$487,242.00 for Salaries, \$44,809.00 for Expense, \$6,000.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$538,051.12. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Public Buildings Department. Jason Silva, Town Administrator, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Public Buildings budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$118,088.00 for Salaries, \$106,034.00 for Expense, \$400.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$224,522.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Council on Aging. Lisa Hooper, Director of the Council on Aging, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$280,667.88 for Salaries, \$11,990.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$292,657.88. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Finance Department. Steve Poulos, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$662,605.00 for Salaries, \$323,655.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$986,260.00; \$5,375,000.00 for Maturing Debt, \$4,064,700.77 for Interest, \$730,000.00 for Medicare, \$14,475,406.43 for Group Insurance, \$63,468.00 for Non-Contributory Retirement for a total budget of \$25,694,835.80. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Parking Clerk. Steve Poulos Finance Director, presented the proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$12,650.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$12,650.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Other Post-Employment Benefits/Stabilization. Steve Poulos, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$250,000.00 for Other Post-Employment Benefits and \$250,000 for Stabilization Fund for a total operating budget of \$500,000.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Workers Compensation. Steve Poulos, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$360,000.00 for Workmen's Compensation and \$37,169.00 for 111F Injury Leave Fund for a total operating budget of \$397,169.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Selectmen's Department. Jason Silva, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$5,500.00 for Office Expenses, \$372,108.48 for Salaries, \$92,302.00 for Expense, \$27,000.00 for Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services, \$15,000.00 for Training, \$2,000.00 for Out-of-State Travel, \$4,300.00 for Town Reports, \$54,500.00 for Audit of Accounts, \$128,820.00 for Street Lighting, \$475,888.00 for Other Insurance, \$260,770.00 for Salary Reserve, \$100,000.00 for Utility Reserve, \$533,544.00 for Energy Reserve for a total operating budget of \$2,071,732.48. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Town Counsel. Jason Silva, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000.00 for Salaries, \$100,000.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$102,000.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide