

SELECTMEN'S MEETING & BUDGET HEARING – January 31, 2022

Present: Richard Bielefield, Chris Ellms, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: None

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

Mr. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the 2022 Investment policy seconded by MS, CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

Margo discussed recent broadband updates and the possibility of NHEC being included in Sugar Hill as they serve two areas in town.

The board reviewed the budget prior to the hearing.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022 seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday February 7, 2022 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Budget Hearing:

Guests: Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy, Corporal Sarah Donahue, Road Agent Doug Glover, Fire Chief Allan Clark, Jason Tors, Irene Amsbary, Kathy Jablonski, Greg Connors, Carl & Nancy Martland, Rebecca Brown

Chairman Bielefield welcomed the attendees. The 2022 Budget by department was reviewed and also the revenue page and the capital reserve accounts.

Elections – Three this year so increase because of those costs
COLA 5.9%

Kathy Jablonski reviewed the list of projects that the Cemetery Trustees have slated for 2022. Chief Ho-Sing-Loy noted changes in computer support which will now go through Grafton Dispatch, increase of fuel and the hope to be able to have part time employees work this year. Chief Clark spoke to his level funded budget and also the ambulance service. Asked about calls for service for the ambulance he stated that it varies between 30-40 a year. Fortunate to be able to have Littleton Ambulance as our service. Chief Clark also explained that the town will need to update the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and the state provides the funding with a town match. Road Agent Glover gave a brief update on paving and hopes to do the same as last year. New solar install should save on electric for the year. Only had one month to compare at this point. Question in regard to what the solid waste line entails. Sugar Hill pays 35% of the Tri Town Transfer Station costs which is down due to ability to reap some profit back on recyclables. Margo noted there will be more educational materials coming out to encourage more recycling including composting. The transfer station does take compost at this time.

Library – Jason Tors, Trustee explained that Judy Weisenberger has retired and was replaced by former trustee Irene Amsbary. Jason said that the automation system is just about complete. Irene noted that this will allow interfacing with the state as well. All books will be scanned as well as patron's cards.

It was noted that the loan on the Crapo Building will be paid off in the next two years.

Question was asked if the new infrastructure bill would be available as funding for the Crane Hill Bridge. Margo noted the Red McCarthy is working closely with the DOT and if that is possible it will be investigated since it is 100% and not the 80/20 split.

Broadband was discussed.

2021 amount to be raised by taxes \$1,681,312

2022 amount to be raised by taxes \$1,677,537

Respectfully submitted,

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