

*Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes Budget Hearing
October 13, 2022*

Members present: Chairman Dave Senecal, Vice Chair Brad Harriman, Luke Freudenberg, Linda Murray (virtually), and Brian Deshaies.

Staff present: Captain Mark Livie, Sgt. Maloney, Executive Assistant to the Police Chief Sherri Moore, Police Commissioner Shawn Coope, Police Commissioner Bob O'Brien, Fire Chief Tom Zotti and Town Manager, James S. Pineo.

Chairman Senecal opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

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Mr. Pineo stated a non-public session is needed for ligation.

1. Budget Hearings

Mr. Pineo stated that the Board will need to review all the fuel budgets at the end of the Board's review cycle, it will also be updated again at the end of the Budget Committee's cycle. The Board has received an updated summary sheet of changes since the last meeting and an updated Capital Outlay request form from the Fire Department.

Police Department

Captain Livie stated the Department has a request to amend line 1-42100-117 part time wages. They have removed the Juvenile Service officer and would like to add a Part time SRO officer.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that the Commission and staff met with the Superintendent of schools and agreed a second SRO officer is needed.

Mrs. Murray questioned what school this is for.

Captain Livie replied this is for both Carpenter and Crescent Lake schools.

Mr. Deshaies questioned line 1-42100-140 overtime.

Captain Livie replied that the Department is schedule for the next Board of Selectmen meeting to apply for NH Highway safety grant, which will be more than previously approved, and this line is used to pay out those costs.

Mr. Deshaies questioned the increase in vehicle maintenance.

Captain Livie replied it is what it cost in today's figures, affected by inflation.

Captain Livie stated that the Department is removing the following from the budget:

- Line 1-42100-432 \$6,087
- Line 1-42100-740 \$3,273

Mr. Deshaies questioned line 1-42100-810 travel and meetings.

Captain Livie replied that this line covers the training that is mandated for the staff and travel costs for the Police Prosecutor.

Communications

Mrs. Murray questioned line 1-42290-117 compared to what has been spent and the increase request.

Captain Livie replied they had not been able to fill positions.

Mr. Deshaies asked him to review the list in other purchase services to explain what they are.

Captain Livie reviewed the list.

Mrs. Murray questioned line 1-42290-411, the propane.

Captain Livie replied that this is a new line to cover the propane for the Bennett Hill Tower generator.

Mrs. Moore noted this is a new line for that generator and probably should be moved to line 1-42290-638 since it is propane service.

Animal Control

Captain Livie provided the Board with the updated job describing changing the Animal Control position to a Municipal Conservation Officer, which means this person is also a sworn officer and will work more closely with Fish and Game. He stated they have hired Heather Calligandes, who currently works as a dispatcher.

Mrs. Murray clarified that she would need to get officer training.

Captain Livie replied yes, she is willing to do that.

Mrs. Murray questioned the car replacement schedule.

Captain Livie replied they are doing a Warrant Article for a car replacement.

Mr. Deshaies asked for an update on the Tesla.

Captain Livie replied it has been a good vehicle, from July of 2021 to July of 2022 he has put on 5,698 miles it has cost \$177.78 for energy. It has no maintenance and two sets of tires they haven't needed replacement yet.

Ambulance Services

Mrs. Murray questioned what year of the contract the Town is in?

Mr. Pineo replied it's a two-year contract, January will be year two and the plan is to go out to bid in the spring.

Fire/Rescue

Mr. Pineo clarified that the other compensation line is where holiday pay and length of service stipends are allocated since this is a 24/7 operation. He noted that is different than other departments.

Mr. Deshaies questioned the hydrant fees.

Mr. Pineo replied staff just met today to discuss the rates which included a discussion about hydrants. He stated that the Board will receive an update on that at their November meeting.

Mr. Deshaies questioned line 1-42200-433 machinery maintenance.

Chief Zotti replied this line can vary, it is for equipment repair.

Mrs. Murray questioned why the increase.

Mr. Pineo replied it is based on averages.

Mr. Deshaies questioned the non-ethanol gas.

Chief Zotti replied they use it for the boats and small engines.

Mr. Pineo pointed out that to date this department is under budget on fuel usage. He stated this budget was up 114% and he discussed the cuts with the department and noted any fund left over at the end of the year, they could use those funds.

Public Safety Building

Mrs. Murray questioned if the updated rates are in this budget.

Mr. Pineo replied this will be a revisit item as they are only approved for the first half of the year.

Capital Outlay

Replace Technical rescue gear \$16,414

Mr. Pineo stated that he discussed the increases with the department and decided to put in a request for the water gear replacement.

Chief Zotti noted the gear has outlived its useful life and needs replacement.

Mr. Pineo replied it is not urgent and they maybe able to have funds left to purchase some at the end of this year.

The Board added this request to the revisit list.

Complete repairs to Boat 1 \$40,000

Chief Zotti stated that the Board has received an update quote, the boat needs these repairs to get the full lift time use from the boat.

Mr. Freudenberg stated that the quote for cosmetics of \$3,500 seems high.

Chief Zotti replied he would check on that it is not their intent to spend a lot to wash and was the boat.

Mr. Freudenberg questioned the repairs, and that the boat was built wrong.

Chief Zotti replied that originally the rails on the boat were not built for the abuse they get being docked at the docks and with the repair this should alleviate that issue.

Replace motor of Boat 2 \$12,000

Chief Zotti this is to replace the motor in the small boat know as boat 2, it is a 2004 boat.

Being no other business before the Board, Chairman Senecal entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to adjourn.
Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Capone Muccio