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