

Pownal Budget Committee

Mallett Hall

April 10, 2018

6:00 PM

Members present: Chairman Wyatt, Kim Best, John Green and Andrew O'Brien

Members absent: Carlene Bennet

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm. There were four members present and a quorum was established.

Minutes from previous meeting: Minor amendments were made to the minutes of March 27, 2018 and they were approved unanimously.

Public comment: None

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Presentation of proposed budgets:

Public Safety: Fire Chief Jesse Peters presented the proposed 2018/2019 budget request and noted an increase of \$2,106 or 1.69%. Specific discussion points were:

Officer's stipend would rise by \$1,400.

The Chief's stipend would increase by \$2,000, the first increase in 7 years.

All other personnel would see a \$1 per hour increase as mandated by state law.

An additional phone is requested to service an independent FAX line for administrative paperwork.

Apparatus/equipment is generally in good shape. However in the near future a professional inspection of Engine 2 would allow the Capitol Reserve committee to determine if the projected life span of that asset is accurate.

Cemeteries: There was no representative present for the cemetery budget. Andy W will talk with Scott concerning current expenditures.

Administration (continuing discussion): Regarding the proposed wellness program where administration funds would pay for 50% of the cost of Freeport YMCA membership for full time employees. Discussion centered on the relative low visibility of the proposal as it is within the administration budget. A motion was made by John G, seconded by Andy O, and unanimously approved that the program be voted on by a separate article at the annual town meeting. Budget committee members will talk with the selectmen in the next week or two, as the normal budget committee cycle does not fit the usual warrant article timeline.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM for the Public Works, Capital Projects, Compensation and Solid Wasted proposed budget presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21

Respectfully submitted,

John J Green