

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM SELECT BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES



Date: April 20, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

I. Call Workshop to Order and Establish a Quorum

The workshop was called to order and a quorum was established by Select Board Chair, David Engler at 6:30 p.m. This was a zoom meeting to comply with the Governor's Executive Order. Select Board members participating were David Engler, Jeremy Cluchey, Thomas Walling, Mark Favreau, and Nicole Briand, Town Manager. (Peter Lewis was absent)

II. Amendments to the Agenda

No Amendments.

III. Discuss FY 2022 Budget with Finance Advisory Committee

Briand discussed proposed reductions in Expenses since the previous draft budget, such as cutting back legal fees, possibly reducing computer expenses, and cutting back proposed personnel raises.

Public Works proposed budget was reduced by cutting increased spending on tools, paving and surface maintenance, ditching and gravel, as well as cutting proposed salary increases. Briand stated that she and Tobey Frizzle are still looking at options to shift some monies back into tools and how to best use unexpended funds.

Briand stated that Solid Waste and Recycling expenses are considerably down from last year since we no longer pay rent and utilities at the Barn. There has also been a reduction in personnel at the new location.

Briand gave explanation for the small increase in Planning / Community Development / Code Enforcement. She explained that Planning Board meetings have been running very long and the Planning Board has been increasingly busy with new applications. Marijuana applications are about 50% of this increase.

Briand stated that estimated revenues from automobile excise taxes have increased by \$72,000 from last year. Municipal revenue sharing is \$241,000 to-date this year.

IV. Discuss Capital Projects

Briand presented and discussed changes made to the proposed capital projects FY 2022 after comments from the last meeting. These changes include reductions to Capital Projects especially on the Town Office building.

Briand discussed proposed road work on Carding Machine and Dingley Road, as well as the Fire Station parking lot. The Board approved asking for the \$900,000 Bond and an additional \$250,000 15-Year Bond for the Dingley Road Stream Crossing.

V. Comments from Select Board members

Engler urged the Board to ensure that the Fire Department has enough in the budget for equipment and training needed to safely perform their duties.

VI. Comments from the Public

Nora Bishop shared her concern that the Solid Waste and Recycling costs are down because waste needs are not being taken care of. She thanked the SW & R Advisory Committee for their service and listening to the Town.

Kate Cutko requested a time frame for hearing from SW & R Advisory Committee. Walling responded that they are working hard on compiling their report and hope to have it ready by the end of April. Susan, SW & R Advisory Committee Member, responded that the committee is should have some info done soon.

VII. Adjourn

Adjournment was at 8:24 p.m.

Select Board

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

David Engler, Chair

Jeremy Cluchey, Vice-Chair

Peter Lewis

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Walling

Kelly Hodson, Administrative Assistant

Mark Favreau