

Budget Questions for Select Board

- 1) What are your budget goals for the upcoming budget year?
- 2) What are your budget priorities?
- 3) Over the last two years, we raised wages to meet median salary levels. Do you support continuing the effort to raise employee wages to be in line with the municipal salary survey?
- 4) Currently, we have a part-time Chief, budgeted at 20 hours per week, who is responsible for the fire station facility, the trucks, all equipment, annual and long-term budgeting, all reporting, managing all volunteers, staffing our new emergency medical services committee, participating in our ambulance discussions for both next year and long-term, serving as emergency management director, participating in our safety committee, and managing all training for volunteers including documentation. Would you support converting our Fire Chief to full-time?
- 5) Would you support reaching out to neighboring towns to explore sharing services (library, public works, recycling) to cut operating expenses/property taxes or discuss a potential merger?
- 6) For Town Hall, would you support its sale to a developer for a specific use? Would you support amending the TIF to transform Town Hall for economic development, sale of local goods, and/or arts district?
- 7) Is there any specific information that would be helpful to you in reviewing the budget?