

APPROVED
Town of Grantham
Board of Selectmen – Budget Work Session Minutes
January 8, 2020

The budget work session was called to order by Chairman Warren Kimball at 9:13 AM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; and Town Administrator Melissa White

2020-21 Proposed Budget

The FY2021 proposed budget was reviewed. Salaries, IT needs, and health insurance options were discussed. The Board will offer employees the choice of AB20 or the AB15 health insurance plan.

The workspace needs of town employees were discussed. The Board felt that the Town should use the lower level offices of town hall, currently occupied by the SAU office. The Board requested Administrator White schedule a meeting with the School Board after Town Meeting to discuss this matter.

Non-Public: In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II-c, a motion was made by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman Garland to enter into a Non-Public session at 11:42 AM. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Police Chief John Parsons. Roll Call vote to enter non-public session: Chairman Warren Kimball - yes; Selectman Constance Jones - Yes; Selectman Peter Garland - Yes

A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 11:53 AM was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland. Unanimously approved.

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland. Unanimously Approved.

The Board recessed from 12:15 PM until 1:15 PM.

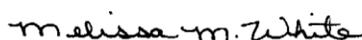
Capital projects were reviewed and discussed. White explained that the Miller Pond Road Safety and Drainage Improvement Project was not ready to be put to vote this year. The Board agreed with the understanding that in the spring, steps would be taken to ensure everything is in place by October 2020, so that it is ready to be put on the Warrant for Town Meeting 2021.

The 2015 International plow truck was discussed. White stated that Road Agent Hastings continues to have issues with it and that it was out of service again. The Board recognized that this is a vital piece of equipment for the Highway Department and that they need to have reliable equipment. They agreed to fund the Highway Capital Reserve at \$250,000.

The Board removed funding for the Police and Fire UTV.

By majority vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa M. White
Town Administrator