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Town of Grantham
Board of Selectmen – Budget Work Session Minutes
January 22, 2020

The budget work session was called to order by Chairman Warren Kimball at 3:10 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 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

Administrator White reviewed the items that were changed due to more accurate data being available now versus last fall when department heads submitted their requests. White stated that there was a new request from the Assistant Fire Chief to establish an Expendable Trust Fund to purchase and maintain the equipment for both the Fire and EMS departments. The board agreed, however, \$5,000 was removed from the equipment maintenance line and added to the new expendable trust fund line.

White asked the Board if they wanted to use money from the unassigned fund balance to offset the proposed budget. The board agreed that the warrant articles for the Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds (\$418,000) would come from unassigned fund balance.

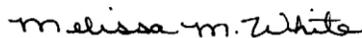
Selectman Garland asked if there were monies budgeted for the land use boards and the conservation commission to have the NHMA conduct specific training. White said yes, and clarified that these training workshops are on-demand and can be tailored to what we want.

Administrator White asked for reconsideration for the funding of the UTV and explained that the vehicle would have the ability to carry up to six responders, to include police, fire, and EMS personnel. It would have a wildland firefighting pump and a rescue sked. The Town sorely lacks in its ability to respond to non-traditional incidents in off-road areas, and with the continued acquisition of conservation-type property, this UTV would serve as a response vehicle for all emergency service personnel for a multitude of incidents. It would also allow for the protection of not only people but also for the land as well. The Board agreed to include this item on the warrant.

The public budget hearings will be held on February 5, 2020, and February 20, 2020, both at 5 PM in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room.

By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa M. White
Town Administrator