

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2022

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 5:00 pm at the Community Center in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Terry Chapman, David Baxendale

Members absent: Rebecca Lotka

Also present: Listers – Jean Newell, Steve Mindel, Michael Silberman; Pam McFadden, Dena Marger; Fire Chief - Rick Looman

The Board discussed with the Listers, their budget request. Also, talked about Jean retiring in March. Jean is willing to help out as needed, if no one steps up to fill the position.

Pam McFadden and Dena Marger introduced themselves as representing the Community Center Board. They were requesting funds be added into the budget for building capital improvements and day-to-day operations. This was questioned by the Selectboard. They were informed that the current Community Center Board has a signed lease agreement with the Town and it is in effect until June 30, 2023 and that the Community Center is an independent organization with its own 501c3 non-profit status and has not in the past sought Town funds for day-to-day operations of the building. The Selectboard directed them to contact the established Community Center Board if they wanted to join as members.

Fire Chief, Rick Looman, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck. The process takes about two years to build a truck. Rick will look into new versus used pricing and get back to the Board.

The Board discussed adding the fire truck purchase to the Capital Plan starting in Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and the need to seek voter authorization at Town Meeting to proceed with the process.

Also, the Board reviewed the General Fund budget and Capital Plan. Maria will reach out to Charlotte to fill in some of the line items on the Highway and General Funds.

The work session adjourned at 7:00 pm

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Terry Chapman, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk