



Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting

February 15, 2023
3:00 P.M.

The minutes reflect motions and a summary of the discussion. Refer to the attached link for the recording of this meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GxUvLLOt4>

Jean Speck, Rufus deRham and Glenn Sanchez.

Also present: Melissa Cherniske, Debbie Devaux, Lynn Davies, Jen Dubray, Sandra Edelman, Eric Epstein, John Grant, Lynn Harrington, Donna Hayes, Barbara Herbst, Tai Kern, Jared Kuczenski, Jane MacLaren, Sarah Marshall, Rick Osborne, Kelly Parker, Tammy Potter, John Russell and Matt Starr.

Call to order:

Jean Speck called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

23/24 FY Operating Budget:

Cemetery Association:

Tammy Potter;

- 19% increase from \$37,000 to \$44,000.
- Will be used for mowing and trimming of the six (6) town owned cemeteries.

Literacy Volunteers:

Lynn Davies:

- 2% increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
- Will be used for community outreach and marketing.

Chore Services:

Jane MacLaren:

- 50% increase from \$5,000 to \$7,500.
- Will be used to cover the increase cost to pay for the workers.

Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB):

Kelly Parker:

- 43% increase from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

- Will be used for clinical mental health services.

Kent Memorial Library:

Sandra Edelman and Sarah Marshall:

- 8% increase from \$125,000 to \$135,000.
- Will be used to cover hiring costs.

Kent Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD):

John Russell and Eric Epstein:

- 19% increase from \$106,000 to \$126,500.
- Will primarily be used to cover the proposed increase in the electric bill.
- John stated that he made the increase request in absence of an approved budget.

Barbara Herbst:

- Where does the \$40,000 APRA funding that KVFD was awarded fit into this narrative?
- ARPA funding for Next Generation two-way communication, stair chair and AEDs.

John Russell:

- The stair chair was purchased.

Next Generation two-way communication is not for the actual radios but to begin to work on the infrastructure.

EMS Staffing:

John Russell:

- Last year requested \$492,500 for EMS staffing
- The membership still feels the best scenario is the \$492,000
- We submitted our best estimate of \$230,000

Jean Speck:

- Requested a trend look back for the next meeting.

Adjourn:

Rufus deRham stated that he has a conflict with the 2/22/23 Regular BoS meeting and cannot go beyond 5:30 p.m.

Glenn Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Jean Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Administrative Assistant

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