

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting**

February 18, 2020  
9:00 A.M.

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BY *D. Brady*  
TOWN CLERK

Present: Jean Speck, Chris Garrity and Ed Matson.

Also, present: Darlene Brady, Rick Osborne, Leah Pullaro and Caralee Rockovansky

Ms. Speck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Kent Volunteer Fire Department:**

Caralee Rockovansky presented the budget grant request for Kent Volunteer Fire Department. The budget request remained flat at \$86,500. The Board of Selectmen had no questions.

**Highway Department:**

Rick Osborne discussed the four parts of the highway budget:

- Town Garage
  - Electricity increase due to loan for lighting upgrade
  - Mr. Garrity asked if Mr. Osborne needed money to move the piles at the garage?
  - Mr. Osborne confirmed that some of the piles are free materials from projects in Town
- Tree Work
  - Slight increase
- Town Aid Road
  - No confirmation to date from the State on the amount
- Highway Department
  - Bottom line down
  - Several changes to staffing reduced health insurance
  - Additional staffing helpful

**Social Services:**

Leah Pullaro reviewed the Social Services Operating Budget:

- Mileage down – more webinars
- Assist Line – increase – more need
- Sr. Program Line – new request for senior center activities

Mrs. Pullaro requested an additional 4 hours a week for the Social services Assistant. Mrs. Pullaro stated the position was created last year with the hope that it could grow into the Senior Center Director. Mrs. Pullaro explained that there is currently an overlap between Park and Rec and Social Services. She added that the Senior Center Director would be the central conduit for all programming at the Senior Center. She added that currently the Monday/Wednesday lunch program has low participation. Mrs. Pullaro stated she would like to see the Kent Senior Center offer more activities like the Sherman Senior Center. Mr. Garrity expressed his concern with two department overlapping responsibilities and staffing. He also expressed concern with building a program just to build a program and not because it really needs to be built. Ms. Speck suggested sending


out surveys to find out what the people want. Mr. Garrity asked why the Park and Rec still does the Friday lunch if the Park and Rec Commission did not think nutrition fell under Park and Rec? He also asked why volunteers could not oversee activities at the Senior Center? Mrs. Pullaro confirmed they need oversight by a Town employee. Mr. Garrity asked that Ms. Pullaro bring a plan to the next BOS meeting and confirmed that there needs to be some dialog between the two departments.

**Town Clerk:**

Darlene Brady presented the Town Clerk budget. She stated the following:

- Notices \$100 increase – due to increase in cost
- Mileage \$100 increase – cover the cost of attending two conferences in the year
- Conferences – cost for two conferences, has not attended both in the past few years but budgeted for both
- Finalizing a five-year contract for record maintenance

Ms. Speck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

  
Joyce Kearns  
Administrative Assistant

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