

Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting

March 5, 2019  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

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Present: Bruce Adams, Chris Garrity and Jeff Parkin.

Also present: Alan Gawel, Tony Iovino, Kendra Litner, Sarah Marshall, Carlee Rochovansky, Julie Saxton, Wendell Soule, Rick Vizzari and Lynn Worthington

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

**Kent Volunteer Fire Department:**

Mr. Adams asked Alan Gawel, KVFD Fire Chief, if the KVFG grant request would remain flat after the work of the financial sub-committee? Mr. Gawel stated that the KVFD grant is up slightly to \$86,500, which would make the budget balanced. Mr. Garrity asked if the budget reflected the \$30,000 grant from High Watch? Mr. Gawel stated that the budget did not include the \$30,000 donation that High Watch made to the KVFD last year. He added that he does not know if it was going to be an annual donation. Mr. Adams stated that he just sent out letters to the private schools and High Watch requesting confirmation of their continuing \$20,000 support of the resident trooper program and High Watch's \$30,000 support of the KVFD.

**Kent Community Nursery School:**

Mr. Adams asked if the Kent Community Nursery School's budget request remained flat. Mr. Iovino and Ms. Litner stated that the budget request has remained flat at \$15,000. Ms. Litner stated that currently the school has a very low enrollment of 12 children total. She explained that Kent Center School has started a morning and after noon pre-k program too, which has taken a lot of KCNS children. Mr. Iovino stated that there would be several reductions in next year's budget: \$7,000 from Kent Presents and \$7,000 from the insurance company for the flood damage. The Kent Community Nursery School budget reflects a negative bottom line. Ms. Linter stated that if the school closes, it closes, and it would be devastating, but they did everything they could to try and make it work. Mr. Garrity asked how he would explain to a taxpayer that the Town is putting money into a sinking ship? Mr. Iovino stated that it is a constant struggle.

**Kent Memorial Library:**

Mr. Adams asked if the Kent Memorial Library's grant request would remain flat. Sarah Marshall confirmed that the grant request is flat, but the Library was instructed by the Board of Finance to ask the Board of Selectmen for a one-time grant increase of \$40,000 for new carpets and asbestos mediation. Ms. Marshall stated that the Library has a reserve fund of approximately \$305,000. Mr. Garrity asked if the Library would consider installments over the next couple of years. Ms. Marshall said she could not speak for the board but feels that they would be agreeable. Mr. Garrity asked if this is in fact was a one-time request. Mrs. Marshall confirmed yes, it is a one-time request. She added that the library would like to handle things on its own.

Mr. Parkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

  
Joyce Kearns  
Administrative Assistant

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