Selectmen's Meeting Monday, January 7, 2019 Town Office Building

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, S. Patch

Others: L. Starr, K Hand, B. Berry, A. Falbel, M. Gowa, H. Graves

## LIBRARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Increases in all lines represent level services and building repairs. Mr. Bergeron noted the Building Assessment review this year will address capital goals vs. maintenance issues. Several areas of the budget have increased. Friends of the Library helped to raise additional funds for state certification. Staff salaries represent a 6.2+% increase to pay staff at comp. library salaries. The Director salary is increased by 2.5% which is the average of other directors. Mr. Pierce noted the Personnel Committee will be meeting to review consultant comps this month. Ms. Hand indicated she would be happy to work with the Personnel Committee. Further discussion regarding identification of comp towns.

Motion Mr. Pierce to accept the Minutes of December 17, 2018, Second Mr. Bergeron, Vote 3-0.

## **UPDATES**

- Mr. Bergeron noted the Frontier Capital Subcommittee recommendations were sent to the School Committee; 2020 budget cycle debt authorization/possible debt exclusion.
- Mr. Bergeron reported the third meeting with the labor unions which involved financial aspects.
- Mr. Fydenkevez reported on SCEMS: vehicle maintenance increases and increased calls including to those in other communities. Increases in operating costs as well. They are also working on community outreach. Costs that were previously spent on rent are being put into a building maintenance fund.
- Mr. Fydenkevez also reported on the South County Senior Center. Looking for people to serve on the Council on Aging. Hope to broaden services offered.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- Motion Mr. Bergeron to accept SRTS, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote 3-0.
- Insurance deductible of \$7,500 for cyber security coverage claim related to the transformer surge is being requested from the Reserve Funds.
- Safe Routes to School Program sidewalk extension and improvements Old Amherst to Swampfield Drive.
- Receipt of Tom Zimnowski resignation FCAT Board of Directors Motion: Mr. Pierce to accept the Resignation of Tom Zimnowski from the FCAT Board of Directors. Mr. Bergeron 2<sup>nd</sup>: Voted 3-0.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Review of Special Town Meeting Articles with Chief – Hold Article 6 and 7.

Article 8 – SCSC grants may no longer be available. Recommend budget be funded without grant funds.

Mr. Bergeron Motion to adjourn at 8:15PM, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Patch

Town Administrator