

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING
11/29/21 – TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Present: Rodney Graham, Matt Rouleau, Jessica Worn, Jasmin Couillard & Clayton Woodworth
Town Manager, Jackie Higgins
Public: Sign-In Sheet Attached

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Set – No changes.

Approve Warrant – Jessica made motion to approve SB20116. Jasmin second. So moved.

New Business:

Budget:

Ambulance – Chris Lomanda, Barre Town Ambulance Director and Justin Bolduc, Barre Town Selectboard Member attended to discuss potentially taking over Williamstown Ambulance Service. Justin Bolduc stated that Barre Town currently serves 5 full towns and ½ of another town. Paramedic Licensed Service for district and also, some outside of district. Contacted to do transfers for CVMC. Staffed with three trucks – 5 days a week. Would be able to customize service for the Town of Williamstown. Barre Town is willing to have a conversation on assistance with coverage for the town. Barre Town currently averages 8 hours of coverage for Williamstown. Any coverage over 24 hours is charged a fee per capita of \$350.00.

Rodney stated that it was his ultimate goal is to make sure Williamstown has emergency services 10 to 15 years from now.

Gordon Murray, Williamstown Ambulance Directed stated that currently for the year the town needed 5% coverage assistants out of 3020 hours Barre Town covered 150 hours. Gordon was out due to surgery and that is why Barre Town pulled coverage for a week. Overall it is weekend coverage that is needed. Last year was 4 ½ % and the year before was 2% coverage.

Ambulance Budget – Matt made motion to accept Ambulance plan as amended and discussed. Clayton second. So moved.

Fire Department Budget – Williams Graham, Fire Chief noted that the big-ticket items in the budget were for a new SCBA compressor for the Public Safety Building. The one we currently have is on borrowed time and parts a no longer readily available. This item is a one-time cost of \$30,000.00. The other item is a utility pickup at a cost of \$31,000.00. (\$26,000.00 of this cost would come from the wages coverage pay).


Clayton made motion to approve the Fire Department Budget as amended. Jasmin second. So moved.

Around The Table: 11/22/21 Legislature passed the bill giving Municipal governments the authority to mandate masking in public buildings. The Selectboard will need to act on this bill within 45 days from signature of the bill.

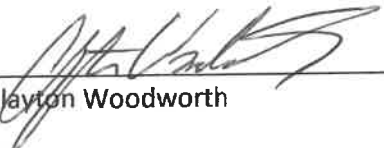
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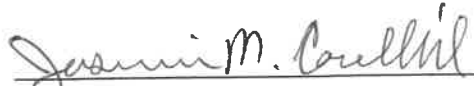
Jasmin made motion to adjourn 8:15 p.m. Matt second. So moved.

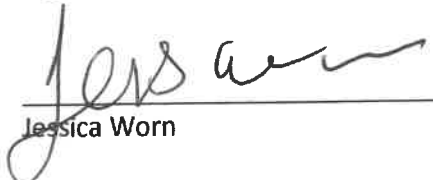
Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Higgins


Rodney Graham


Matt Rouleau


Clayton Woodworth


Jasmin Couillard


Jessica Worn

Town of Williamstown
WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021 6:30
SELECTBOARD MEETING – ~~6:00~~ P.M.
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

MEMBERS: **RODNEY GRAHAM**
 JASMINE COULLIARD
 JESSICA WORN
 MATT ROULEAU
 CLAYTON WOODWORTH

TOWN MANAGER – JACQUELINE HIGGINS

SELECTBOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: (1 MIN)
SET THE AGENDA: (1 MIN)
REVIEW OF OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: (1 MIN)
SELECTBOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: (5 MIN)
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: (2 MIN)
APPROVE WARRANT – SB20116

~~**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**~~

NEW BUSINESS: (10 MIN)
 BARRE TOWN AMBULANCE SERVICE PRESENTATION
 AMBULANCE BUDGET
 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

OLD BUSINESS:
OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: (3 MIN)
AROUND THE TABLE:
EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED – 1 V.S.A. § 313
ADJOURN

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

DATE 11/29/21

Chris LaMonda, Barre town

Justin Bolduc, Barre Town

Maria Abare