

Budget Workshop III
Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance
February 24, 2021
Meeting minutes

First Selectman Gister called the BoS to order at 7:05: Lauren Gister, Tom Englert and Charlene Jancek were in attendance.

Virginia Carmany called the BoF to order: Virginia Carmany, Richard Strauss, Richard Nygard, Jonn Joslow, and Andrew Gardner (was seated for John O'Hare. Jennifer Rannestad and Michael Joplin were not in attendance.

Also attending: James Grzybowski and Dick Leighton as well as several members of the Chester Hose company.

Combined boards reviewed first second half of draft operating budget and First Selectman's requests for reductions or inclusion for these boards and commissions.

- Started with a review of the open questions from the previous Budget Workshop
- Reviewed the Hose Company budget with comments from the Hose company regarding the Hose company Budget and Fire Marshall Budget.
- James Grzybowski reviewed in detail the request for 936 additional hours at \$18.50 for the Ambulance.
- Richard Leighton reviewed the increase in his budget for Code books and it was noted that this expense is not professional development but supplies.
- The areas then reviewed were the Police, Safety Services, Emergency Mgmt, Animal Control and followed up with Public works sections.

Tom Englert reviewed the disconnect in the Chester Elementary School Supervision district allocation of \$30k and attributed it to a calculation error in the prior year's documentation.

Lauren Gister then spoke about the open questions that are being worked on at the State level regarding Town Meeting votes to approve budgets in light of all the Executive Orders expiring on April 19, 2021.

Both boards adjourned at approximately 9:50 pm.

Submitted by Virginia Carmany