

Town of Alexandria Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday November 9TH 2021

Present :Don Paiva, Doug Benton, Mike Provost, Cindy Williams, Kerry Rockwell, Ed, Skroback, via telephonic, Jennifer Dosti, and George Tuthill. Not present, Fred Platts, Ian McInnis, William Hall.

Don commenced the meeting at 6:05pm. Melanie Marzola was present for the Town's Treasurers budget request for 2022. The budget will stay the same, questions were asked about her tasks, her time involvement and duties. Her responsibility with payroll and deposits drop off at the FSB in Bristol. With no further questions Melanie moved on to the Towns Planning Board budget for 2022. The Clerk's pay remains the same along with all other line item requests, expenses. Questions were asked about pay and salaries and answered. We thanked Melanie for her work and dedication to the Town.

Sue Cheney was up next with the Towns Trustees of the Trust Fund. No change to the budget request. They spent an additional \$60.00 on professional services last year, this expense is not anticipated for this year coming up. Sue moved on to the Cemeteries requested budget for 2022. The same proposed budget is requested. Doug Benton added explanation on the Sexton's involvement and the laborers wages. He noted that the Town has a total of 10 Cemeteries. The smaller cemeteries have very old stones that require proper cleaning and more maintenance. Repairs are ongoing, staff have the opportunity to attend training for the maintenance and upkeep. Discussions on what the State provides the Town on funding the cemeteries and perpetual care. No increase or change for the proposed budget.

Discussion went back to Sue Cheney on Voter Registration and Election Administration. Questions on the voting process were raised. The adjustments made for the H/C voting booths are working well, this saved money out of their budget. No complaints or discrepancies from the State on the booths.

Sue estimates approximately \$2,200.00 out of the budget per election. Further discussion were raised on workers pay and salaries. Thank you Sue.

There was no representative for the Conservation Committee, Commission budget request. Brief discussions on what the committee had accomplished over the year. The budget request remains the same.

Our next Budget committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 23RD. 6:00pm. at the Old Town Hall.

We have requested the presence of Police Chief Dave Suckling to be present for additional information and follow-up. I did make contact with the Chief he will attend on the 23RD.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Benton, second by Mike Provost all in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Provost