

**Town of Troy
Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 24, 2022

Members Present: Benjamin Drugg (Chair), Adam Hopkins, Allan Bailey, Steve Obert, TJ Chasse, Jamie Hummel, Matthew Meacham, Richard HKS Thackston, Dick Thackston (Selectmen's Representative).

Public Present: Adam Dubriske (Fitzwilliam Fire Chief), Mark Huntoon (Troy Fire Chief), Curtis Hopkins.

Chairman Drugg Called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MOTION to approve meeting minutes for 01/10/2022 by Mr. Baily, **SECOND** by Mr. Hopkins. All voted in favor.

Chief Dubriske and Chief Huntoon presented data regarding Troy's and Fitzwilliam's EMS Departments. Historical data for Fire and EMS Departments were presented. Calls for both Troy's and Fitzwilliam's Departments averages went up about 80% in 2021, 18 more calls than in 2019. Troy's data shows the town as the fourth busiest out of the surrounding towns, and Fitzwilliam is fifth.

The proposed budget on slide #11 shows the costs of training, medical supplies, uniforms, station supplies, fuel, and labor for five days a week. It is proposed the other two days be covered by volunteers. The proposed budget is estimated at \$134,000 each for Troy and Fitzwilliam.

The benefits of having a regional ambulance are cost savings, paying less for more such as equipment and supplies. life savings. Fitzwilliam is close enough to ensure a good response time to Troy calls. Another benefit of regional service is the possibility of receiving higher priority when applying for grants.

In an informal poll, all members expressed their approval of the proposal. Mr. Dick Thackston states that The Board of Selectmen are in favor as well.

The committee thanked Chief Dubriske and Chief Huntoon for attending and presenting the data.

The committee then had discussion of ambulance warrant articles.

The committee reviewed of each of the proposed articles on the 2022 Town Warrant.

Article 8 – Operating Budget

The Board of Selectmen have not voted on changes. This article will be reviewed prior to Budget Hearing on February 10.

Article 9 – Sewer Plant Upgrade Bond Payment

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Bailey, **SECOND** Mr. Dick Thackston.

All voted in favor.

Article 10 – Water Systems Improvement Bond Payment

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Bailey, **SECOND** by Mr. Richard Thackston. All voted in favor. All voted in favor.

Article 11 – Capital Reserve Funds Deposits

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Dick Thackston, **SECOND** by Mr. Hopkins. All voted in favor.

Article 12 – Expendable Trust Funds Deposits

MOTION to recommend, with correction by Mr. Bailey, **SECOND** by Mr. Chasse. All voted in favor.

Article 13 – Cemetery Operating Budget

MOTION to recommend, with adjustments, by Chairman Drugg **SECOND** by Mr. Hopkins. All voted in favor.

Article 14 – Cemetery Maintenance Trust & Perpetual Care Trust

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Hopkins, **Second** by Mr. Meacham
All voted in favor.

Article 15 – Roads & Streets

This article will be reviewed prior to Budget Hearing on February 10.

Article 16 – Transfer Station Bags

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Bailey, **SECOND** by Mr. Dick Thackston

All voted in favor.

Article 17 – Fire Station Oil Tank Replacement

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Bailey, **SECOND** by Mr. Dick Thackston

All voted in favor.

Article 18 – Town Hall Exterior Paint

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Bailey, **SECOND** by Mr. Dick Thackston.

All voted in favor.

Article 19 – Wage Increases

MOTION to recommend, with adjustments, by Mr. Bailey, **SECOND** by Mr. Dick Thackston.
All voted in favor.

Article 20 – Ambulance Purchase

MOTION to recommend, with corrections by Mr. Baily **SECOND** by Mr. Dick Thackston.
All voted in favor.

Article 21 – Emergency Services Equipment

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Chasse, **SECOND** by Mr. Meacham.
All voted in favor.

Article 22 – Support for Public Services

MOTION to recommend by Mr. Dick Thackston, **SECOND** by Mr. Baily. All voted in favor.

Mr. Dick Thackston revisited the Recreation budget, specifically the wages for the Director's position. Mr. Dick Thackston expressed the Board of Selectmen's support of increasing the hours for the position as so much is being done by the department as a benefit to the Town of Troy. A great deal of discussion took place on this issue. No decision was made.

The committee discussed and determined the need for a business meeting prior to the Budget Hearing.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting, Chairman Drugg, **SECOND** by Ms. Hummel.
All members of the board voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm.

Benjamin Drugg, Chairman