

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OFFICE, NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256**

Monday, November 9, 2020

MEMBERS

Mr. Mertz, Mr. Drake and Mr. Shaw were present.

PRESENT:

Town Administrator Mr. Irvine, Finance Officer Ms. Duggan, and resident David Katz.

OTHERS

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Mertz called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2021 BUDGET

WORK SESSION

Mr. Irvine advised that the worksheet had an across the board salary increase of 3%, to see its overall affect on the budget. Ms. Duggan said there are a few additional adjustments in the PD wages to consider.

Discussion on projected revenues for 2021, including anticipated reductions to Hwy Block Grant monies and Room & Meals Taxes. Discussion on paying the 2021 lease payment for the new ambulance out of the Special Revenue Fund.

Mr. Katz asked if the town had considered selling any property to help offset taxes and Mr. Mertz said they had. There was some discussion on how the townspeople had felt about this in the past and the advantages/disadvantages of selling or keeping properties.

There was discussion on proposed warrant articles and which ones would not affect the tax rate as they involved grant monies. The board considered budget items that could be revised or removed to reduce the overall effect to the 2021 town tax rate. Budget worksheets to be revised to show impacts on individual budget items to assist the Selectmen on determining where changes can be made.

The board agreed to hold a budget work session on 11/16/20 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Shaw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to approve the work session meeting minutes of 10/19, 10/26 and 11/2, noting there were some grammatical errors but nothing substantive. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Vose