

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND  
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
Kensington Town Hall  
95 Amesbury Road  
Kensington, NH 03833  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 2019  
Meeting Minutes-Draft  
6:30PM

In Attendance: Vanessa Rozier, Joe Pace, Linda Bennett, Fred Feldman, Chief Cain, Chief True

Joe opened the budget discussion at 6:32pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Budget Discussion –2020 Budget

- Police Department

Chief Cain gave the breakdown of the department and explained the needs for the increases to be for the added coverage for the department and for increased salaries to help to retain the members of the department. The committee asked about any left-over funds from this year to be used for needs for next year. The chief will identify if there are needs that could be obtained in this budget cycle to reduce next years submitted amount.

Chief Cain had a projected expense sheet for review which identified where there would be some savings from this year's budget. The questions were asked as to why there was this savings and it was due to the changes in the staffing, and that a department member was out most of the first quarter, which reduced the money in the line item for salaries. If the department had been fully staffed as projected the salaries line item would have been overspent. The added cost to outfit new employees, obtain new vests for the outdated ones they have and the need to purchase radios were part of the discussion. No changes were made to his submitted budget.

- Fire Department

Chief True gave an overview of the department and the amounts submitted. He explained that the salaries line item went up due to the department responding to more calls. The chief salary was up due to the required increase per contract. He explained the need for roof repairs on the building and that the building repair line item is there due to the lease agreement signed with the town requiring the town to use a percentage of the budget for building repairs. His department is in need of hose, which he is going to obtain over a number of years instead of purchasing all in one year. There were other aspects of the department discussed and there was \$500 added to his fuel line item due to rising costs of vehicle fuel. The chief has a few warrant articles that will be added to the warrant in March. No other changes were made to this budget.

The members went through the remaining items in the budget not covered on Monday night. Suggestions to write warrant articles for larger items and to see what could be deducted from individual departments by department heads.

Vanessa and Kathy will work on identifying immediate needs of the town, and what should be looked at for the future.

Projected budgets were suggested for next year for each department.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch