

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
TUESDAY
November 15, 2022
Meeting Minutes
6:30pm

In Attendance: Joseph Pace, Robert Solomon, Robert Gustafson, Fred Feldman, Chief Jon True, Matt Armstrong, Chief Scott Cain

Joe opened the meeting at 6:29pm and asked Chief Cain to present his budget.

Chief Cain went through his submitted budget line by line answering questions from the board and Fred. The board agreed with the step program that was put into place for the full-time employees in the police department under the salaries line item. There was only one change made to his department at this time. The board reduced the Overtime Pay by \$5,000 and talked about possibly using some funds this year for the lease payments that are in the budget for next year.

Matt presented his budget to the board and went line by line explaining each line-item increase or decrease and his projected ending balance for each account. With not knowing how many storms it is hard to predict what that line item will end at. With increased gas costs for plowing they agreed with the increase for the plowing line item knowing that the contracts are up this year and they will be putting the 2023-2024 season out to bid in the spring of 2023 so the added funds seemed necessary. The board did not make any changes to this budget at this time.

Chief True discussed his Emergency Management Budget and the individual line items. He answered the questions posed by the board and Fred related to the line items and why not all the Emergency Management Funds were spent. Chief True responded that a majority of the emergency management budget is reimbursed by state grant funds for Seabrook Station training.

Chief True addressed each line item of the fire department budget and explained any increase or decrease he had adjusted them to. He amended his line item for the building maintenance by \$2,000, that was the only change made to his line items at this time.

The board and the department heads in attendance discussed the use of ARPA funds for a onetime bonus for full time and some part time/ volunteer employees. There are constraints on the funds so only essential workers/ first responders can be part of this suggested use of funds. The board and department heads will work on the list of qualified individuals and present them at a later meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch