

Board of Selectmen
October 5, 2022

Present: Richard C. Edwards, Chair; Kenneth G. Fifield; Dino A. Scala, Town Administrator; and Toni Bodah, Secretary. Mr. Edwards called the posted meeting to order at 5 p.m., the purpose of which is to continue review of the proposed 2023 municipal budget.

Heritage Commission – Phil Twombly

The request for Historic Site Renovations (01-41913-820) has increased in order to address the fence at Turntable Park. \$3000 was included in the 2022 budget for this purpose; however, it was insufficient for the project. Mr. Fifield suggested a bus trip to visit all Wakefield's historical sites as a fundraiser. Mr. Twombly referred to several lines that have been reduced. The explanation column will be revised to reflect the cost of a mini-split at \$7000 (rather than \$700). Mr. Twombly shared quotes for the fencing project. **Mr. Fifield moved the section total at \$24,391. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

Cemeteries – Phil Twombly and Jackie Keating

The only increase is \$1000 for the maintenance contract. **Mr. Fifield moved the section total at \$36,510. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

Mr. Twombly requested that \$10,000 be appropriated for the Cemetery Maintenance CRF in order to remove several large pines on the right side of Lovell Lake Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell may have a contact for this project. Discussed the road into Stonehedge Cemetery and whether it should eventually be paved to stop the grass from growing in the travel lane. Mr. Edwards suggested use of landscaping fabric under the gravel.

BI/Code – Victor Vinagro

Mr. Vinagro referred to changes made to this budget. Mr. Fifield spoke to the program offered by Irving for gasoline. Mr. Vinagro advised they do have Irving cards; however, they can also utilize the DoT pumps as well (whichever is less expensive). Mr. Fifield suggested he make sure that the fuel tax is not being paid on the Irving card.

Mr. Vinagro stated they will no longer be using Crowell's for regular maintenance, such as oil changes, etc., as that work can be done by the Highway mechanic. In response to Mr. Edwards, Mr. Vinagro estimated revenues YTD at \$80,000 - \$100,000. **Mr. Fifield moved the section total at \$189,072. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

Land Use – Victor Vinagro

Mr. Fifield moved the section total at \$15,102. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Conservation Commission – Relf Fogg

Mr. Fogg advised that the Commission increased the wage line (01-46111-120). **Mr. Fifield moved the section total at \$5950. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.** Briefly spoke of the campership program, for which recently there have not been as many attendees.

Other Business

Mr. Fifield moved to approve PR #21 in the amount of \$98,181.99. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

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Mr. Fifield moved to approve AP #36 in the amount of \$800,139.59. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Mr. Fifield moved to adjourn at 6 p.m. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:



Richard C. Edwards, Chair

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Mark P. Duffy



Kenneth G. Fifield