

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, February 1, 2021. The meeting was held remotely due to inclement weather. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel C. Rosenthal, Selectman Maureen Crick Owen and Selectman Jeff Capeci

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Robert Tait, and two members of the press.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: The minutes of January 28, 2021 will be approved at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: none.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: none.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action

1. First Selectman FY 2021-2022 Budget: Selectman Crick Owen moved the following department bottom line budgets, seconded by Selectman Capeci and all unanimously approved:

Selectman: \$447,760.

Selectman Other: \$168,000

Human Resource: \$122,026

Tax Collector: \$395,787

Purchasing: \$77,633

Probate Court: \$8,400

Town Clerk: 309,439

Registrars: \$169,742

Assessor: \$352,754

Finance: \$564,696

Technology: \$816,186

Unemployment: \$8,000

OPEB Contribution: \$181,663

Professional Organizations: \$40,658

Insurance: \$1,110,500

Legislative Council: \$46,000

District Contributions: \$7,500

Sustainable Energy Commission: \$300

Fairfield Hills Authority: \$40,000

Emergency Communications: \$1,180,474

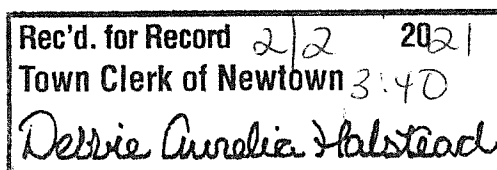
Police: \$7,398,311

Animal Control: \$172,566

Lake Authorities: \$53,735

NW Safety Communications: \$11,590

Emergency Medical Services: \$270,000



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NW Connecticut EMS Council: \$250
Building Department: \$434,828
Highway: \$8,232,627
Winter Maintenance: \$625,144
Transfer Station: \$1,610,653
Public Building Maintenance: \$857,861
Social Services: \$331,971
Senior Services: \$325,030
Newtown Health District: \$420,348
Newtown Youth & Family Services: \$302,466
Children's Adventure Center: \$141,465
Outside Agencies: \$83,945
Land Use: \$722,456
Economic & Community Development: \$136,672
Grants Administration: \$28,255
NW Conservation District: \$1,040
Parks & Recreation: \$2,508,660
Library: \$1,407,621
Newtown Parade Committee: \$1,400
Contingency: \$140,000
Debt Service: \$9,723,932
Reserve for Capital & Non-Recurring Capital: \$220,000

The following departments were acted on with discussion:

Town Hall Board of Managers: Selectman Crick Owen moved the bottom line Town Hall Board of Managers budget of \$195,034. Selectman Capeci seconded. First Selectman Rosenthal said this budget is in a deficit and discussed using capital non-recurring or other means later in the year should an appropriation be necessary. All in favor.

Fire: Selectman Crick Owen moved the bottom line Fire budget in the amount of \$1,458,872. Selectman Capeci seconded for discussion noting the equipment line item is up 18.75% this budget and 11% last budget. Considering the very large increase over the last two years Selectman Capeci moved to amend the motion to reduce Fire Equipment by \$11,269, to the prior year amount of \$60,108. Selectman Crick Owen seconded. Selectman Capeci believes this should be a fairly stable number. It was decided it is more appropriate to reduce the bottom line, allowing the Board of Fire Commissioners to decide where to make the reduction. First Selectman Rosenthal said there needs to be equity across departments in terms of Town funding equipment. Mr. Tait will reduce the line item but notate Board of Selectmen changes. All in favor of the amended motion. Selectman Crick Owen moved to amend the Fire budget bottom line to \$1,447,603. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

Emergency Management NUSAR: Selectman Crick Owen moved the Emergency Management NUSAR budget in the amount of \$73,950. Selectman Capeci seconded stating due to doctor rate increase the physicals (professional services) line item increased 88%. Selectman Crick Owen moved to reduce professional services - official from \$7,505 to \$6,500. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor. Selectman Crick Owen moved the Emergency Management NUSAR bottom line budget of \$72,945. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Capeci moved the Board of Selectmen budget in the amount of \$43,925,927. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Tait said this reflects a 2.2% increase.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Openings:** none.
- 2. Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to extend the driveway bond for Prestigious Homes, LLC, Lot 5, 10 Maranello Drive, M33, B5, L18.5 to August 27, 2021. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Tax Refunds:** none.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The vaccine clinics last weekend went great; 70 were given on Friday, 100 on Saturday. There will be another clinic later this week. According to DEMHS, Region 5, 7.5% of communities have received their first shot; 41% were people over 75. The appropriations process will begin at the 2/16 BOS meeting, for April.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marcinek, Clerk

