

## Meeting Minutes, December 21st, 2022

Tuesday, December 06, 2022

7:13 AM

### Attendees:

Bill McKinney

Frank Weber

John Arico

Kim Roberge (via Zoom)

Lorri Hayes

Sheila Sturm

Howard Brown - Selectboard Representative

George Torres- School Board Representative (via Zoom)

### Absent:

Sean Mamone

Tim Berry

### Guest:

Chief Slavin - Police Department

### Agenda:

1. Meeting call to order 6:37 pm
2. Opening public comments none
3. Interview Chief Slavin of the Police Department -Chief Slavin appeared with a detailed report that we were given to read prior to his presentation. Question- Can you explain paid in lieu of holiday. Usually, compensatory time is paid out (88 hours) at the end of the year. Because the police department doesn't normally take a holiday, they are paid straight time for the time they work and another 8 hours for the holiday. They bank all these hours (as they are paid for 11 holidays) and can either use them or they can be paid out the hours in the last pay period of the year. Question regarding the increase in the dog program. There was a 100% increase in the dog program because it now has better software to track the dogs. Question about the body camera. The police department is asking for \$6500 for new body cameras. There is also a grant to help offset cost. The life expectancy of the camera is 5 years. They will keep the \$6500 cost in this line-item year over year. They were able to make a deal with the company that provides the body cameras for a reduced cost due to the town size. Each camera has 100 gig capacity. MVPD will receive a state body camera grant amounting to \$7000 grant for the program's first year. The Police Chief is salaried not hourly. Overtime is for hourly employees only. The part time employee works only 16 hours per week. We use a prosecution attorney that also works with Wilton. The attorney is also a police officer. The attorney will prosecute for us for 100 hours per year. The Photography budget line item includes new batteries. Bullet proof vest are replaced every 5 years.

4. Review and acceptance of minutes from December 14<sup>th</sup>- Tabled until next meeting
5. Review of action items:
  - o JA sends updated mail list to Joan-done
  - o LH sends minutes to Joan-done
  - o LH corrects the minutes to reflect the recommendations are from individuals not the committee. - done
  - o JC invites the police chief to discuss his budget-done
6. New business
  - o Discussion of committee's schedule through the end of January- Feb 17 last day to hold public hearing. Mont Vernon will hold its public hearing on Feb 6. The budget committee will need to make its decisions by February 1st, 2023. The budget committee report is due January 13. It will not be completed at that time. We will ask for the date it is necessary to print the report and make sure our report is available by that date. We need to establish the budget committee opinion for selectman's presentation by Feb 1. Warrant articles submission date is after the selectman's public hearing. We will have to issue a revised report at town meeting that will include our decision regarding the warrant articles. We want to meet with the library. Bonnie usually comes and a library trustee. We want to meet with the Fire Chief on 1/11. If we have some questions about the budget, we can ask those questions even after we have spoken to a representative. We expect to receive a warrant from the library, fire department, the cemetery trustees, and the heritage commission. The changes in the Town Clerk budget are due to the new Internet and Technology costs. The increase is \$34,000. There will be a reduction in the elections during the FY 24 year. We can start budget committee deliberations on 1/18.
7. Closing public comment period- no public comment.
8. Next meeting: January 4th, 6:30 PM, at the Town Hall
9. Meeting adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

#### Action Items

1. JA ask Cemetery Trustee member Allison Miller if the cemetery trust fund can be used for the sonar evaluations request in this year's budget?
2. Everyone will review the budget again prior to January 4. Send any questions to JA
3. JA will ask DPW about line item 431256 to determine if the lane/ roadway markings increase will be there each year, is it perpetual or only this year? What streets will receive the lane marking this year? [bcrosby@montvernonnh.us](mailto:bcrosby@montvernonnh.us)
4. JA will ask DPW about the ground's maintenance and tree maintenance line item 431450. There was a proposed 12.5% increase this year and it has increased each year, but we do not know the plan for this increase. Can you please tell us the plan as to how the increased funds will be used? The committee noticed that the line has increased in the 2021-2023 budgets by 100%. Are we earmarking more roads to be mowed?
5. JC will ask the library to provide a break down by position of the wages, health insurance, retirement, etc.

6. JC will invite the library to the next meeting on 1/4/23
7. JC will invite the fire department to the meeting on 1/11/23

