

Assessors' Budget Meeting

February 22nd, 2022 at 4pm at the Monhegan Library

Present: Jim Buccheri- First Assessor, Andrew Dalrymple- Second Assessor, Carley Feibusch- Municipal Administrator

Present via Zoom: Michael Brassard- Third Assessor, Danik Farrell, Jes Stevens

The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm.

Warrant 02(2)-2022: Moved to approve in the amount of \$10,198.09. Discussion: This warrant includes invoices for the ice pond boardwalk and a medical clearance invoice for the fire department. There was discussion about the need to make clear for future projects the expectations of the plantation. Motion Passed.

Reviewing Budgets:

Donations: Discussion about increasing the amount for mental health support of \$200 and donating to an organization the plantation has recently partnered with.

Officer compensation: Discussion about a potential wage increase policy and how it would affect officers increase in compensation. Carley suggested that all officials keep track of hours over the year to see how it compares to the stipend amount. Add a warrant article that asks the plantation to approve a policy to be implemented 2023. Carley will work on draft of wage policy. Jim will reach out to elected officials and see how they feel about their stipends.

Fire Budget: FEMA Funds- Jes had to re-explain the non-permanence of her position. Less confident about eligibility of wages but is hopeful it will be reimbursed. Wharf managing- This is not a covid issue anymore but more of a safety issue. Thinking creatively and finding ways to require less human intervention with cones and signage would reduce costs. Remove wharf monitoring from fire budget and factor it into wharf operating. Fire budget looks good as is and the COVID portion needs to be discussed a little further. Testing and communications about testing is the priority for the COVID budget.

School budget: Final numbers should be ready by end of tomorrow.

Warrant articles will be reviewed and approved at the next assessors meeting on March 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carley Feibusch, Municipal Administrator