

Assessors Budget Meeting

January 19th, 2023 at 4:30pm

Present via Zoom: Fred Faller, Michael Brassard- Third Assessor, Jim Buccheri- First Assessor, Andrew Dalrymple- Second Assessor, Mott Feibusch, Carley Feibusch

Discussion about MAI expenses incurred for plantation projects such as drafting the lease for wells, assessors will follow-up with Fred via email.

Major Projects:

Discussion about fire barn projects: relocation of transformer

Fire Chief Part-Time Wage Discussion: Carley will email out the draft job description to get feedback. Andrew is in favor of upping the stipend.

Wharf maintenance projects: There is a lighting issue currently but should also put money aside for washout problems. Somatex inspection didn't take place in 2022, need to follow up and schedule something soon.

Water Company Discussion: Andrew will set-up a meeting in the next week to discuss what changes will occur for the transition to being plantation owned. Discussed creating a dedicated account for water co. and maybe put 5-10k in account for reserve. Andrew will send an email for a meeting on Monday.

Discussion about wage increases: Carley sent an employee compensation spreadsheet that needs to be updated to reflect MEPERS wage increase.

2020: <https://www.maineopers.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/COLA/2020-COLA-State-Teacher-Judicial.pdf>

2021: <https://www.maineopers.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/COLA/2021-COLA-State-Teacher-Judicial.pdf>

2022: <https://www.maineopers.org/retirement/cola/state/>

Discussion about increases in school budget to accommodate upcoming high school students

Assessors gave Jes the go ahead to move forward with ordering hose and pumps pursuant 50/50 grant.

Discussion about alternatives for hose boxes. It was also mentioned having 2k around for repeater install would be helpful.

Donation discussion: Jes says to consider the fact that lifeflight hasn't been able to come a lot because they're busy and the coastguard response has been different than years past. Marine Patrol is the first to respond and brings the booth bay regional ambulance. Consider donating to boothbay regional ambulance service. Also, include in fire department budget to pay for one or two mutual aid assistance costs.

MAI fire break policy, Fred asked about a donation to help fund clearing fire breaks.

Assessors are in favor of putting money into fire barn and truck funds. Another 15k for barn, 5k truck.

New idea for wharf: It can be dangerous for coast guard vessel to get person onto the boat on a stretcher from the wharf. Should consider getting a ramp that is wider or folds out to have more room for people to hold the stretcher.

Next budget meeting is scheduled for February 6th

Respectfully Submitted,

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