

Middlesex Budget Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
4:30 PM

Draft Minutes


Participants: Elias, Randy, Bill, Mark

4:30 Call to Order - Amendments - Welcome Guests

4:35 Discuss Budget Workshop

- review
 - The Planning Commission budget has a decrease this year due to completion of Zoning update consulting fees.
 - Fire Department budget includes an increase in stipends for responding to calls.
 - The Lister's budget included a reduction in listers wages and the addition of an NEMRC Assessor contract.
 - Randy expressed a desire to have more of a process that accounts for experience and education in pay and separates positions from the people who hold them.
 - Theo said if you want a payscale you need a methodology.
 - Randy worried about how to explain the raises to the community.
 - Theo suggested we give our thoughts as a recommendation to the Select Board in a way so that it is not taken personally.
 - Mark offered to draft a recommendation letter.
 - Randy pointed out that it's not clear what our specialized services line item is used for and suggested we can be more transparent to the taxpayer.

4:50 Other Business

- Approve  2021-11-02 Budget Committee Minutes Bill moves to accept - Mark 2nds - 5-0-0
- Don Welch, East Montpelier Treasurer: The meeting is set for November 16th. Elias will ask Don for a spreadsheet.

5:00 Budget Workshop

- Join Select Board Meeting for Budget Workshop

6:00 Adjourn