



MINUTES

Town of Woodstock

Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 5:30 pm

**Woodstock Town Office Building, 165 Lost River Road, North
Woodstock, NH 03262**

In Attendance

Charyl Reardon; Emily Clark; Judy L. Welch; Kara Sellingham; Roberta Vigneault; Stephen Tower

Not In Attendance

Chad Morris

• Call to Order

Staff: John Mackay

Public: Ken Chapmen, Patrick Griffin

Called to Order By: Roberta

At: 5:30pm

• Approve Minutes

• November 13, 2019

Discussion: None

Move: Kara Sellingham Second: Stephen Tower Status: Passed

• Review the following budgets:

• 4215 - Linwood Ambulance Service

Presented By: Ken Chapman

Discussion:

Cost remained the same.

Runs about 11% up. Have more volunteers with pay increase

(stand-by and run pay). Costs at least \$100 for every call. Many of those calls they cannot bill out. The current ambulance force is about 34 members. Two members have been certified as advanced EMTs. Possible two additional members with basic training. Also have a new paramedic that will be on board for ski season. With additional help, the chief has been able to do other necessary work since he does not have to cover as many shifts. Increased training in hot zone support and providing "Stop the Bleed" training. CPR and AED program are continuing. Approximately 65 AEDs in the community and about 1000 members of the community have been trained. Things feel more stable at this time. Payroll is approximately \$250,000.00 per year at this time. Almost half of the bills are not reimbursed. About 25% are not reimbursed in full. The billing company automatically attempts to gain more funds, but is not usually successful. Discussed plans for a Littleton Hospital office in Lincoln is coming along with Alpine Clinic. Also, discussions about the current clinic.

2019: \$75,000.00

2020: \$75,000.00

- 4220 - Fire Department

Presented By: John Mackay

Discussion:

Up \$25,000.00 or Up \$47,000.00

Payroll is up - was discussed last week. After this year they will join the 3% payroll rotation. Nothing new with Ice Castle. Need updating some equipment including nozzles and hose. Department training is up \$2000. No additional changes. Fire Department wanted to replace with pickup truck but Selectmen suggested using highway department truck instead. Need to replace Air Packs this year. Selectmen suggested not increasing capital reserve this year because of the air packs. Looking to increase next year as we approach the next fire truck purchase. They are working on additional grant money to put toward the air packs. Question - Are we eligible for the grant if we have already purchased the air packs? John will look into

it. Next Engine would be purchased in 2024. Hopefully a combination Pumper and Tank Truck. 2024 was chosen since the current truck will be paid off by then. Patrick shared that they are going to request a warrant article to move the fire trust fund be moved into the regular fire department account.

2019: \$136,000.00

2020: Fire Department Proposed - \$161,000.00

Selectmen Proposed - \$183,000.00

- Next Meeting - Wednesday, December 4th

- Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned At: 5:54pm

Move: Kara Sellingham Second: Charyl Reardon Status: Passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Clark, Budget Committee Secretary

Roberta Vigneault Date 12/4/19
Roberta Vigneault, Chairperson

