

MINUTES
Joint BAC/CIP Meeting
January 11, 2023

Chairman Scholl called the meeting to order at 7:04. There had been a Eversource shutdown and it was necessary to wait for the town generator to kick in.

Present: Gary Scholl, Tim Fiske, Ivy Bibler, Bill Ezell, Gail Cromwell, Andy Paul, George Willard, Ken Caisse

Absent: Paul Clifton-Waite, Mike Darnell, Rob Kenney

1. The Minutes of December 14 were approved as written.
2. Ivy Bibler said that she was impressed by the number of hours put in by various fire department members in repairing and maintaining the equipment. She worried that we were not accounting for it and without that information our budgeting for the fire department was understating the cost of the equipment. It was suggested that George Clark be asked about tracking volunteer hours. It was noted that Temple depends heavily on volunteers all through our government and committees.
3. The missing items in the budget were reviewed.
4. The custodial services at the town hall are currently out to bid. Not likely to go down, hopefully not up, so carry same as last year. \$10,000. Per Bill Ezell
5. Connie Kieley sent in two estimates for repairs to the town hall windows and outside trim,, The two bids can be discussed later but for now we should enter \$6000 for that work and also increase the painting budget from \$4200 to \$4600 Since the budget adds these two items together, the town hall maintenance/repair line becomes 10,600.
6. The repairs to the Municipal Building involve outside trim replacement. There is no current bid. There has never been a bid. We estimated \$5500.
7. The flag pole was discussed once again with a new estimate of \$15,000 including installation. The pole has been measured at 50 feet. Would a shorter one save money? No idea. It was decided to write this expense as a warrant article.
8. File cabinets in the town office need replacement. Bill suggested \$2000.
9. Gail reported on TEEC, which now goes by the name Renewable Energy Task Force. She has tried to reach them without success. Last year they spent \$250 of a \$500 budget, we believe on their own website. It was decided to assign \$300.
10. The police surplus is not yet known, perhaps next week.

11. Mike Connolly needs a radio for his truck so we decided to increase the \$200 budget for Forest Fire Supplies from \$200 to \$600.
12. We continue to wait on a new recycling budget.
13. No change to the Recreation Budget
14. The Library request for a fence and the likelihood of replacing the furnace was discussed briefly. Andy Paul volunteered to find out (1) how much is in their PDIP account, their plans for it, if any, any restrictions, and any facts about the furnace.
15. Legal expenses were increased to \$30,000 for the town attorney. The planning board legal estimate is \$1500.
16. A possible refund for legal expenses were considered more appropriate as a select board contingency item, not a ZBA legal expense. \$14,000 was put on that line.
17. The line item "Assessing Expenses" now will include all of Avitar's contractual related expenses which were previously accounted elsewhere. In addition to the monthly rate, this now includes related Web-Hosting, Prop Tax Software and Eversource Updates which increases that line to \$14,200.
18. The new highway garage door requested by Kent Perry is now estimated to cost \$15,000. There is only one estimate of the installation cost, no actual bid. It was felt this should be a warrant article.
19. For fuel costs, we will go with \$10,000 for gasoline and \$22,000 for diesel.

Gary will fill in these numbers and we will have a look at the total budget at our next meeting on January 18.

A cost not yet included is to replace the current alarm systems in the town office and in the town hall/library/highway garage. ARPA money is not yet fully allocated and could be used. It was decided however to write a warrant article for \$10,000, covering the office building first. The alarm systems are currently working but of considerable age and doubtful reliability. This could be a future CIP item.

New business: the current bookkeeper has announced she will be leaving. Bill has two possible names to consider as a replacement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Gail Cromwell