

**Joint Meeting of the Temple Select Board and
Budget Advisory Committee Minutes
September 28th, 2022
7 PM at the Town Hall**

The hearing was opened at 7 p.m. by Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Chair Gary Scholl.

Select Board (Board) members present: Ken Caisse and George Willard.

BAC members in attendance: Gary Scholl (BAC Chair), Gail Cromwell, Rob Kenney, and Paul Clifton-Waite.

Others present: Andrew Paul of the CIP Committee.

Scholl led a review of the draft Sept. 14th BAC meeting minutes. Gail Cromwell and Gary Scholl suggested a couple of revisions. Motion moved to accept minutes as amended, unanimously adopted.

Committee members began their review of the proposed draft budgets for Select Board, Government Buildings, Village Green Committee, and Welfare. Committee members reviewed numerous line items in the \$3,865 proposed Select Board budget and made several revisions.

Scholl led a discussion about the idea of a contingency fund to address rising costs for fuel, heating oil and electricity. Caisse said the police department is facing 30 percent spending increases for fuel and heat and he suggested a little allowance.

Discussion followed of Government Buildings. Committee members added \$1,000 for electricity above the proposed \$2,900 line item and an additional \$600 for the propane line item up to \$2,000.

Committee members increased the Town Hall electricity line item by \$1,400 to \$2,000 and the heating oil line item from \$4,200 to \$6,000.

Members discussed Town Hall maintenance and repairs and noted that an additional building side would be painted in 2023. Discussion ensued of electric costs for the town ballfield and town common, as well as ballfield maintenance and repair. Flagpole maintenance also received a review with possible use of a citizen donation to repair the pole.

Committee reviewed the Village Green proposed request for \$3,865 in 2023 and discussed tree fertilizer and lawn maintenance. No changes were made.

Committee members indicated they wanted input from welfare officer Iphi Hatt and had no numbers yet to review.

Under New Business, committee members discussed the town charrette talking sessions scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15 to discuss such topics as affordable housing, downtown parking, and the proposed relocation of the town highway garage.

With no further business pending, Cromwell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kenney. Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Clifton-Waite
BAC Secretary