



**Office of Board of Selectmen  
Town of Mason**

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Selectmen Budget Planning Meeting 12/15/2020  
Approved Minutes

**Present:** By roll call, using the Zoom platform – Charles Moser, Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity selectmen; Kathy Wile, AA; joined by Brenda Wiley, bookkeeper.

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order 7:02 PM by Chair Louise Lavoie. The reading of the Right to Know checklist was waived as no members of the public were present.

**New Business:**

- Noted that an intent to cut timber had been signed earlier in the day by all selectmen.
- Noted there was some confusion/difficulty comparing budgets from 2020 to proposed 2021 due to inclusion of warrant articles in one and not in the other one. It looks like that, with Warrant Articles included in both, total for 2021 will be up approximately 1.5% Brenda said the increase within the budget was coming from a combination of adding the FD staff position, retirement costs being up 15-20%, and the addition of the truck lease cost.

For FD – in addition to staff position, keep the stipend as requested for the acting chief through 2021, at which time it will roll into salary for FT chief.

Truck lease line should be put in for \$38,000 – a chance it could be lower, but that covers the maximum amount. This amount is due at signing of the lease – some discussion about the timing of this payment, to coordinate with payments due on HD building bond, school payments and tax collection. Agreed June is a good time!

Brenda asked to factor a 3% pay raise in to see what that does to overall budget.

Warrant articles are down this year – roads, FD vehicle reserve fund, and HD equipment reserve fund articles the only ones needing funding.

Brenda did get the changes from the morning PD and Buildings staff meetings and will send a fully cup to date budget. Getting close to being ready!

Discussion about the camera system at the PD – invoice has been paid, per the PD Brenda said. Any issues going forward are warranty issues.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Pete. Roll call vote to adjourn – 3 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM, zoom meeting forum closed by Louise.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday December 22, 2020 via the Zoom platform, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wile  
Administrative Assistant