



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 1, 2019
*****Community Room*****

7:00 PM

Public Hearing Minutes

The public hearing for the 2019-20 budget proposal was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectman Dan Syme. Board members present were Clare D'Appollonio and Rod Perry. Also present were members of the Scotland Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Francis Baran, Principal Cathy Pinsonneault, representatives of the SVFD, various agency representatives, and members of the public.

II. Review of 2019-20 Budget Proposal: First Selectman Syme explained various housekeeping issues regarding documents supplied, and the current budget process at the state level, including revenue impact to Scotland. The first selectman also reminded the public that they could also reject the budget at the town meeting since the state numbers will not yet be finalized, and the town can operate on a quarterly basis until they are more comfortable with income. He then reviewed the proposal starting with income, and then agency by agency. Questions included topics of cemetery revenue/expense lines, the assessor's change in programs, the possibility of moving tax collection to Windham since the tax collector has resigned to take another position in a different town, and the tree trimming budget. Monica Lindsay discussed the request from the Economic Development Commission, Jason Beaumont and Kevin Ring discussed the requests of the ambulance service, and Brynn Lipstreu, chair of the SES BOE presented the elementary school budget. A question was raised regarding the preschool program, and Dr. Baran responded it was fully funded through the school readiness grant. Audience members also asked if we were part of a contract that manages the transfer station, and how accounting is managed. Dennis LaBelle, Parish Hill BOE member reminded the audience the public hearing for that budget was Monday, May 6th at 6:00 PM at Parish Hill, and the referendum is May 7th from 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM. It was noted that Scotland has more students enrolled at Parish Hill at this time compared to Chaplin and Hampton which has driven Scotland's assessment of the budget to 39%.

The public was reminded the town meeting is May 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the community room of SVFD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant