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Town of Griswold

28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351



**Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Thursday, February 14, 2019
4:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

Members Present: Todd Babbitt, First Selectman
Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
Ed Burke, Third Selectman

Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
Julie Marcotte, Finance Director

2. **Discussion and possible action on 2019/2020 departmental budgets**

Finance – Budget was presented by J. Marcotte. The only increase is for the OPEC audit that is required every other year and employee wages and benefits. Finance Director administrative duties line was taken out.

Selectmen - Budget was presented by T. Babbitt. There was an increase to contractual salary and also to First Selectman salary. The increase for First Selectman can only take place on years before the election occurs. This was not increased last year due to state statute. There was discussion about a line item for grant writer expense. J. Marcotte noted the worker's comp insurance will remain the same and the auto as well, however an increase should be accounted for in case additional items are added to the policy. SEAT went up by \$248. There is a new line item for BOF legal. Town hall maintenance employee wages and benefits are dependent upon a new hire. Building repairs went up \$2000.

Highway Department – Budget was presented by T. Babbitt. The tree warden line has an increase due to currently having 48 trees that have to be removed at three trees a day for \$700. There may very well be more that are determined to come down as the trees foliate. There may be an increase in recycling due to the changes in what is not marketable as recyclable. Dumpster replacement is not figured in at this point, but may end up having to.

Contributions – Contributions were discussed by everyone. UCFS was changed from \$5000 to \$2500.

UNCAS Health had a minimal decrease based on per capita rate.

Contingencies were discussed as bringing up to 90,000 this year in order to cover any effect of benefits and wages from negotiations.

Fringe benefits was briefly discussed noting increases were shown in each department as a required increase in the pension contribution but there may be an increase shown here in administration costs.

Debt Retirement was discussed for the purpose of reviewing the numbers.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant