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BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The Budget Hearing for the Town began immediately following the School's Budget Hearing.

Selectmen Present: John Blanchard, Oren Remick, Justin Bradshaw

Justin reviewed the proposed 2022 budget for the Town of Monroe. He stated that the budget was down from 2021 by roughly 3%. He went through the departments one by one and explained that even though some budgets were overspent last year, the reason they were overspent was we determined to not submit some expenses for reimbursement through the Trust Funds.

Justin then reviews and explained the proposed 2022 Warrant Articles. He stated we are proposing to discontinue 2 Trust Funds as they were put in place for expenses that can better be tracked through accounting. The funds from those 2 funds will be put into the general fund per the Dept of Revenue and will end up in other Trust Funds for similar processes.

In addition, the Town Clerk's compensation will need to be approved at the Town Meeting. The proposed warrant article is requesting approval to continue to pay the Town Clerk as we have paid her for about 4 years. The same is true for the Tax Collector's compensation. The changes made to their pay structure should have been approved at the Town Meetings prior to being put in place. Lastly the compensation of the Treasurer is also a warrant article as it was last year – the dollar amount of the stipend has been changed. A request was asked for the past 5 years of the Treasurer's compensation. This will be provided to the Selectmen for the Town Meeting

Justin lastly reviewed the expected revenue. The revenue does not include the Water revenue – although it would be the same as the expenditure for the Water Department.

Oren moved to adjourn the meeting and John seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Gibson Smith - Administrative Assistant