

Town of Danby
DRAFT Select Board Budget Workshop Minutes
December 10, 2024
Town Office, Danby, VT 6:00pm
<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>
ZOOM MEETING ID: 813 2851 1750

Public Present – D. Stoddard, M. Bushee, D. Garceau,

Virtual Present – none

Attendance – Bender, Heaton, Fuller, Haines, Abbott

Budget Workshop Minutes

- Workshop began at 6:03pm
- Dan Garceau is here
- Begin with Veterans memorial
 - Wondering what the current balance is
 - Would like the memorial to be able to maintain a balance of \$4,000
 - June 30, 2023 \$4,xxx
 - Expenditures \$4,986
 - Fence payment came out of ARPA
 - Fence installation should have come from the same
 - \$1925 was cost of installation
 - Is the account in the negative or not
 - What about plaques expenditures
 - Charged for what they cost
 - Average of \$300 on electricity and \$400 for flowers etc
 - Would like an exact amount to start with for 2025
 - Will keep track of it
- Northshire Rescue
 - 3 year contract
 - Ends in 2026
 - \$28,811 for 2025
 - 2026
 - Service \$13,609
 - Dues \$15,676
 - Total \$29,285 for 2026
- Fire Department
 - No changes
- Health Insurance
 - \$15,000
- Life insurance
 - \$1,100
- Legal Fees
 - Drop down to \$6,000
- County Tax
 - \$13,xxx paid
 - Should be percentage of grand list
 - \$14,500 for now
- Advertising
 - Positions, resignations

- Leave at \$1,000
- VLCT
 - Fixed cost for dues
 - \$2,800
- Building Reserve Fund
 - \$29,254 current balance
 - \$5,000 budgeted
- Danbyvermont.org
 - Website \$1,500
- Donations
 - Keep it at \$600
- Office supplies
 - Make it an even \$4,000
- Postage
 - Current year to date
 - Wondering of expenses
 - \$3,000 for now
- Office equipment reserve
 - Leave for now at \$1,500
- Copier lease
 - \$4,000 it is a continual lease
- Postage machine lease
 - Standard cost \$300
- Electricity
 - \$5,000
- Town Treasurer
 - Wondering if assistant position should be different and just as a backup
 - \$34650 treasurer
 - \$1000 for assistant
- Listers Salaries
 - Keep the same
- Lister expenses
 - Reduce down to \$1800
- Auditors Salaries
 - Keep the same
- Auditors expenses
 - \$500
- Lister Training
 - \$200 budgeted
- Auditor training
 - Will come back too
- Delinquent tax collector
 - Zero
- Sheriff Contract
 - \$24,500 covers needs
 - \$10,000 was for additional hours if needed under traffic control
 - Change to speed enforcement
- 911 expense
 - \$200
- Salaries
 - Move up to \$28,500 to cover raise percentages
- Retirement Fund

- Go up to \$1800
- **Dump Day**
 - Budget \$3,000
- **Disposal Fees**
 - Keep as is for now
- **Compactor Expense**
 - Zero it out
- **Cliffy's Building Maintenance**
 - Leave at zero for now
- **Cemetery Flags and supplies**
 - Keep at \$800 for now
- **Community Flags**
 - Most flags in the village need to be replaced
 - Need to change height of flags
 - \$1,000 for flags
- **Cemetery Expenses**
 - Commissioners are requesting \$2500
 - Need to follow bid procedures for mowing contract
 - Expenses have gone up
 - Give them \$2500 to make \$3300
- **Fleet Permits**
 - Nothing
- **Town Crew Salaries**
 - \$175,000 to cover percentage increase
- **Overtime**
 - Move up to \$30,000
- **FICA**
 - \$16,400
- **Worker Comp Insurance**
 - Leave at \$16,000
- **Unemployment**
 - Leave at \$500
- **Retirement**
 - \$14,350
- **Health Insurance**
 - Keep where it is
- **Insurance reimbursement**
 - Keep the same
- **Vision**
 - \$500
- **Life Insurance**
 - Increase to \$1400
- **CDL Physical**
 - \$400 would cover multiple if needed
- **Safety Gear**
 - \$1500 should cover most PPE expenses
 - Move it up to \$2000 to make sure things are covered
- **Mileage**
 - Drop to \$300
- **Garage Training**
 - Zero out for now
- **Garage Supplies**

- Raise to \$6,000
- Heating Oil
 - Drop down to \$5000
 - Will be burning more wood this year
- Telephone
 - Keep at \$700
- Maintenance
 - Reduce to \$1500
- Storage Rental
 - Keep the same
- Grass Seed
 - Change to \$800
- Retreatment
 - \$115,000 keep the same
- Crack sealing
 - \$5000
- Culverts
 - Move up to \$15,000
 - Lot of culvert replacement needs to happen
- Signs & Posts
 - Leave it the same
- Guardrails
 - Keep where it is
- Gravel & Stone
 - Increase by \$5000 to make it \$35,000
- Hot & Coal Patch
 - \$200
- Chloride
 - Keep it where it is
- Fuel
 - Keep it where it is
- Equipment Purchase
 - Zero
- Federal Fuel Tax
 - Supposed to get a credit
 - Towns are exempt??
 - Confusion on actual budget
 - \$2400 to cover it
 - Will come back on the revenue side
- State Permits
 - \$1500
- Special Projects
 - Keep \$20,000
 - Potential bridge projects
- Capital Projects
 - Call it Bridge #7
 - Put in \$25,000
 - Settled on \$50,000
 - To start saving towards project
- General Maintenance – Equipment
 - \$60,000 for the total fund
- Winter Maintenance

- Keep them the same
- Equipment Reserve Fund
 - Put \$50,000 in
- Bridge Construction
 - Move bridge #7 to here
 - \$50,000
- Structure Reserve
 - Put \$20,000
- Thursday meeting will start at 7pm, budget meeting at 6pm not needed
- Budget workshop ended at 8:36

Respectfully Submitted by:

Drea Stoddard

Minute Taker