

Joint Select Board and Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
Hutton Room, Municipal Center, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH 03885

Meeting Date: December 10, 2019

Attendees:

- Mike Houghton, Select Board Chair
- Joe Lovejoy, Select Board Vice Chair
- Allison Knab, Select Board Chair
- Bruce Scamman, Budget Advisory Committee, Chair
- Gary Dolan, Budget Advisory Committee (needed to leave at 7:00 p.m.)
- Nathan Merrill, Budget Advisory Committee
- June Sawyer, Budget Advisory Committee
- Beth Dupell, Budget Advisory Committee
- Eric von der Linden, Budget Advisory Committee, School District Rep.
- David Moore, Town Administrator
- Dawna Duhamel, Finance Administrator

Select Board Chair Mike Houghton opened the joint meeting of the Select Board and Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), he provided a brief overview of the evening's agenda, which included departmental presentations as well as questions and discussion.

BAC Chair Scamman discussed a separate meeting date of the BAC with that Committee, it was agreed the BAC would meet on January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and the Chair would work with Mr. Moore re: room scheduling and posting.

Following the introductory comments, the Select Board Chair invited the evening's first presenter, Finance Administrator Dawna Duhamel to present; she was followed by Library Director Lesley Kimball; Parks & Recreation Director Seth Hickey; Public Works Director Nate Mears; and Mr. Moore who reviewed General Administration and related items.

Questions or clarifications were sought on a number of items, a sample of which are identified here: availability of past years' budget information on the website; preparedness of the Town for ransomware attacks; experience with outsourcing IT support and services; potential for Town and local School district cooperation for cost savings in winter maintenance and other activities; administration of compensation adjustments in the Library as opposed to Town departments; clarification on movements of certain salary items from one budget area to another; discussion of Town participation in the Piscataqua Region Monitoring Collaborative; and discussion of the Parks & Recreation focus on mission.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.