

TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECT BOARD
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES
APRIL 8, 2022

PRESENT: Pat Moriarty, Paul Hazelton, and Karen Sanborn, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Audrey Johnson, Mike and Martha Riess, Jack and Suzanne Sheehan

6:30 P.M. **CHANGES TO WARRANT ARTICLES AS A RESULT OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING:** Chair Moriarty informed the audience that there were two warrant articles with changes as a result of the first Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget and Warrant Articles.

Chair Moriarty read *warrant article #9* to raise and appropriate \$24,450 for the Gazebo Programs for 2022 and 2023 with \$12,225 to be raised by taxes, \$1,000 from anticipated Donations and Grants, and \$11,225 to come from fund balance. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and shall not lapse until June 30, 2025 or until the project has been completed, whichever occurs first. Chair Moriarty noted that changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year resulted with the budget beginning in with Gazebo Programs and ending with Gazebo Programs making it difficult for budgeting purposes.

Selectman Hazelton read *warrant article #11* to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,000 for the purposes of retaining an architect and other professionals to develop construction ready plans for the proposed library/community center. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and shall not lapse until June 30, 2025 or until the project has been completed, whichever occurs first. The amount reflects the request from the Town Space Needs Committee.

Chair Moriarty stated that the proposed budget and warrant articles is an unusual increase for Hebron which is 8%. The increase is related to legal, the Fire Department Budget, and addresses salary increases. Selectman Hazelton stated that this increase may just happen this year and drop back down in next year's budget. The Board is proposing three large budget items this year all for projects that they feel need to be addressed. The voters will make the decision as to which projects will happen in the upcoming year.

Chair Moriarty informed the audience that the study committee formed to review the formula for funding the Newfound Area School District could have a large impact on the tax rate in the future depending on the findings of the committee.

Maynard Young informed the Board that the amounts being allocated for the fire capital reserve fund and the EMS capital reserve fund is not nearly enough to keep up with the cost of replacing ambulances or fire trucks. Paul Hazelton noted the

amounts could be changed at Town Meeting or addressed next year during the budget process.

6:42 P.M. **ADJOURN MEETING:** Chair Moriarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 P.M., seconded by Selectman Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sanborn
Town Administration