

# MINUTES *unapproved minutes*

**Budget Committee Meeting and Public hearing:** February 12, 2020

**Present:** Judy Aron, Jennifer Bland, Conan Cook, Claudia Istel, Sue Metsack, Cheryl Sanctuary

**Public:** Glenn Elsesser, Gary Baber, Tara and John Balla, Carolyn Jerard, Mike Aron

**Meeting began:** 7:00PM (SM)

1. Minutes January 22, 2020: Motion JA/JB to approve, passed.
2. SM opened the public hearing and the budget was reviewed:
  - a. TB inquired about the paving of Beryl Mountain Road and GE provided details;
  - b. CJ inquired about the last section of Cold Pond Road; It was explained that the Selectmen had encumbered unexpended funds from 2019 to install drainage there and GE provided project details;
  - c. GB spoke about the capital reserve fund being established for the purchase of a fire truck; He noted AFVR has \$100,000 earmarked for the purchase and will look for a matching amount from the Town reserved over the next several years; He also noted that the annual capital reserve deposit amount may vary according to the truck cost and that the new truck will be built to specific specifications and serve as a “fast attack” truck while the existing ‘Calendar Girl’ truck will become a backup tanker truck;
  - d. JB inquired about the reduction in the Equipment line and it was noted that Town completed payment on the Western Star dump truck in 2019;
  - e. There was brief discussion about the withdrawal of Charlestown from the School District and SM encouraged everyone to attend an information session in the Town Hall on Monday, February 17;
  - f. With no further comment SM closed the public hearing at 7:35PM.
3. SM noted the Committee has previously approved the budget articles and, with no changes following the public hearing, thanked the Committee for their work.

**Meeting adjourned:** By consensus 7:45PM. Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt.