

February 17 2021

Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen Combined Meeting

2022 FY Budget presentation by Phil Lemnios

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FY22 Town Budget
BOS Presentation 2-

Advisory Board attendees: Pat Cormier, Robyn Healey, Steve Kiley, Chad Wolfe, Bob Carney, Matt Mitchell, Peter Larsen, Jason Frady, Dan Sullivan

Excused : Dave Clinton, Jay Polito

Board of Selectmen attendees: Jen Constable (chair), Domenico Sestito, John Reilly, Greg Grey

The Advisory Board meeting with the BOS began at 7:50pm

Phil Lemnios, the town manager, presented the town budget for FY 2022 noting an overall increase of 2.84%, raising the total to \$45,760,341 which will be offset by income of the same amount making for a balanced budget.

Contributing on the income side will be a \$1,276,100 increase in the tax levy and some beneficial grants which are helping fund small capital projects.

Large increases are seen in townwide insurance costs and the bond debt for the road infrastructure improvements that were approved by town meeting in 2019.

He stressed the importance of maintaining less than a 2.25% increase in departmental budgets in order that the town not outstrip its ability to maintain all government functions with current revenue streams. The town will be at 2.19%

Questions from members asked if Covid 19 relief from the Federal Government were received. Phil answered that because the allocation only goes to identifiable government groups of over 500,000 in population, that the Plymouth County got the Tier 1 allocation and that individual towns would be getting their share. Hull is expected to receive over one million dollars once all audits of precise Covid 19 requests are evaluated. The standards for reimbursement are tightly aligned with real extra expense and cannot be allocated for anything but Covid 19 extra expenses.

Tier 2 allocations may be different and all such allocations will be identified as separate line items in the town budget reporting. They will not be folded into the general receipts or expenses.

A question was asked of Phil if there were any citizen petitions for the upcoming town meeting. There are, and Phil went on to say that it's expected that we will again have town meeting outdoors. His sense is that there isn't as broad a consensus for town expression in the outdoor format because there were far fewer voters at this last meeting than normal. Consequently, he would like to reserve more impactful

articles for a fall meeting where it is to be hoped that it will be indoors as usual pending a good outcome from anti Covid 19 vaccinations and lower case transmission.

Noting no more comments or questions, Jen Constable offered that the AB could adjourn. Jason Frady offered a motion to adjourn. Bob Carney seconded. It was a unanimous roll call vote at 8:30pm