



NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2021

Present: Morris Boudreau, Scott Haskins, Don Stevens, Amy O'Hara and Carl Bartlett.

Also Present: Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, Town Clerk Cindy Caveney and Selectmen Kevin Waldron.

Absent: George Corliss, and Selectman Mark Hubbell.

Vice-Chairman Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Committee picked up from last week's meeting with the Town Clerks section of the 2022 budget. Questions were asked and answered of this budget. Most of the discussion was on the new copier being requested. This will make the work in the office more productive. The Health Insurance line was missing a zero as the amount should be \$17,685.00 and not \$1,765.00. The Town Clerk is asking for a 2% pay increase from last year.

Haskins/Stevens motioned to approve the minutes of December 9, 2021 with a vote of 4-0, motion passed.

The Police Department budget was discussed next; the Chief could not make the meeting so the Town Administrator answered questions on the budget. Questions on uniforms, vehicles, and training were answered and discussed with the committee.

The Committee spent a lot of time on and asked many questions of the Youth Assistance Program budget. The Committee reviewed the documents that were submitted with the request. The main discussion was on recidivism, how many youths made it through the program and how many did not. The Committee discussed this budget quite thoroughly with **Haskins/O'Hara motioning to reduce the request from \$64,287.00 to 28,056.20, with a vote of 3-2, motion passes.** The Town Administrator will notify Dawn Shimberg of the vote and will ask her to attend the January 6, 2022 meeting to discuss the program in more detail.

At the end of the meeting Selectman Kevin Waldron made a comment directed at Budget Committee Member Carl Bartlett.

O'Hara/Bartlett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Minutes recorded by Town Administrator Ken Robichaud.

Minutes approved January 6, 2022