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**Ferrisburgh Selectboard
Budget Work Session
Town Offices
Tuesday November 16, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

This meeting was held in person and electronically using Zoom.

Selectboard in attendance: Jessica James, Jim Benoit, Chris Campbell, Clark Hinsdale

Town officials present: Pam Cousino, Deb Healey

Visitors present: Ron Redmond, Jim Bruer, Bill Wager, Jean Richardson

Jessica James, Chair, called meeting to order 5:33 pm.

Ron Redmond and Jim Bruer presented the Vergennes Fire Department proposed FY23 budget. Discussion ensued on how to proceed with a more equitable division of costs between the four covered towns. Chris Campbell and Jim Benoit brought forth the idea that Ferrisburgh should have a voice in Vergennes Fire budget, and that budget should not include capital outlays but be for operations only, a structure more similar to a service contract. Clark Hinsdale explored an iteration of services to be provided in future years, but first we have to come to terms with the present structure.

Bill Wager presented the Ferrisburgh Fire Department budget. Training, fuel, and equipment costs are up. Overall, it is up 3.6%. Bill introduced the idea of calculating the cost-per-call with each of the fire budgets.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm, seconded by Chris.