

Minutes Approved
Ferrisburgh Selectboard
Budget Work Session
Town Offices
Tuesday November 30, 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: Deb Healey

Visitors present: Catharine Hays, Sheriff Peter Newton, Brian Goodyear

Jessica James, Chair, called meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Heard from Catharine Hayes, Library Director for the Bixby Library. Despite concerns over inflation, their request to the town is the same as last years and is based on a per capita assessment as are the other towns. They now offer more library hours than before Covid, and have received Library ARPA funding to put together a “library of things” such as tools and small machines cardholder can borrow from the library.

Sheriff Peter Newton spoke at 6:15pm. The hourly rate will go up to \$37/per hour plus an estimated \$10/pr hour for mileage. There was discussion of long range plans to band with other towns for a regional approach to coverage beyond the contracted speed limit enforcement.

At 6:45pm, Brian Goodyear of the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad spoke of the challenges and highlights of the past year for the Squad. The cost per capita will rise to \$9.50.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm, seconded by Chris.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Healey