

**Minutes Approved**

**Ferrisburgh Selectboard  
Budget Work Session  
Town Offices  
Tuesday December 7, 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, Red Muir on Zoom

Town officials present: Deb Healey, Laurie Curler, Pam Cousino, John Bull, Joe Blasius, Alyth Hescoek on Zoom

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

Pam Cousino informed the Board there have been only two applicants who do not have much experience, who have applied for the Zoning Administrator position; a third person who has good qualifications expressed interest but only if the hours were at least 30 and included benefits. She also described town office positions where there are significant discrepancies in hourly pay among the adjoining towns.

The Town Offices maintenance budget is less than last year's estimate. Discussion ensued on how to assign Town Buildings Maintenance expenses; the Buildings Committee will review all projected expenses to come out of the non-budget maintenance fund and consolidate the annual maintenance expense line items. Tabled final discussion until next meeting. All other Town Office expenses are relatively the same except for new furnace software (\$4,250 which may come from the non-budget maintenance fund) and a new server (\$16,000).

John Bull spoke on the Highway budget. Personnel pay issues were tabled until next meeting. The Highway budget excluding personnel is identical to last year's, but he recommended an increase the Highway Contingency fund by \$20,000; this will be a warned article at Town Meeting.

Joe Blasius presented the Lister's budget, an increase of \$3,900 (up 6%) due to changes in tax-mapping costs, necessity for an outside appraiser for Basin Harbor properties and a dedicated Listers' Minute taker.

The next Budget Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday December 14 at 6:00 pm.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:31pm, seconded by Chris.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Healey