

# Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: Budget Committee

Date, Time: 10/15/2021, 5:00 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Northfield Town Hall  
21 Summer St, Northfield

## Call to Order

Katherine called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

## Attendance

Katherine Dawson, Jane Alden, Kevin Waldron, Jason Wright, Commissioner Eric Pyra, and Chief Michael Sitar.

## Old Business

### Water District

Chief Sitar gave an update on the legal proceedings and noted that they have spent over \$16,000 in legal fees so far this year. Discussion ensued regarding the water department and reaching an agreement.

## Operating Budget

Discussion ensued regarding the pay rate survey Chief Sitar had created with information from other area departments. Kevin asked to see what the full cost of an employee is to include salary, benefits, etc. Discussion ensued regarding wages and fuel prices.

Katherine asked if the grant would still be paying for the new firefighters this year. Chief Sitar replied that it would for the next 2 years. Discussion ensued as to what the grant covers.

Katherine asked how many positions there were and will all positions go up with an increase in starting pay? Discussion ensued regarding ranking, training, and advancement.

Kevin commented that the net proposal is less than last year. Chief Sitar stated that some have things gone down, such as insurance went down 8%. They also do not have an agreement with the water department at this time.

Katherine made a comment on vehicle repairs and when new vehicles will be in service. 21E2 should be in service soon. The new 21E1 will likely be in service next August and 21A2 will in service likely by April. Discussion ensued regarding vehicles and repairs.

## Adjournment

Katherine made a motion to adjourn. Jason seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Joslin*

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

November 5, 2021 at 5:00 PM.  
Northfield Town Hall,  
21 Summer Street, Northfield, NH