

# Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS SAFER Grant Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: SAFER Grant Committee      Date, Time: 03/07/2022, 6:00 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Tilton Town Hall  
Downstairs Meeting Room  
257 Main Street, Tilton NH

## **Call to Order**

Commissioner Pyra called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

## **Attendance**

Commissioner Eric Pyra, Chief Michael Sitar, Paul Blaisdell, & Scott Lewandowski

## **Old Business**

### Impact Fees

Chief Sitar stated that at the last meeting it was asked if the Fire District could charge impact fees. He discussed it with the attorney and it appears that they can but will get more information. Paul asked if that is something they want to add to what the water department is charging town people. Discussion ensued as to how it would be implemented and how it would affect both the community and the fire district.

### Data Review

The unassigned fund balance was discussed and where the money that was subtracted was set aside for. Paul asked about ambulance revenue. Chief commented that he added a line to the to show the trends through 2023. Paul suggested they have the capital improvement plan for 2023 handy so they know what is planned to be removed.

Chief Sitar stated that most of the people he spoke with were not comfortable taking money from the Apparatus & Equipment Fund for the purpose of offsetting the SAFER employees but had another suggestion. Take the maintenance and service testing currently paid for through taxation in the Operating Budget and move it to the Apparatus & Equipment budget. Doing that would take approximately \$75,000 off the tax burden and could be applied to funding employees. Paul asked where they would get the other \$300,000? Discussion ensued regarding the idea. Paul commented that he feels they should only do it for a defined amount of time and not indefinitely.

### District Meeting

Discussed what information should be presented at district meeting. Chief Sitar to present ideas after his regular presentation. The committee discussed possible questions that may come up at District Meeting.

Discussed getting information to the public in the future regarding if they will be creating any warrant articles for this.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to adjourn. Paul seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Joslin*

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:                      TBD