

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 8, 2019**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Joe Callanan, Town Solicitor
George Pontes, Veterans' Agent
Steve Reilly, Recreation Director
Karen Johnston, Elder Services Director
Cathy Collins, Youth and Services Director
John MacLeod, Director of Asset Management
Justin Myers, WFD
Shawn Rothman, Information Technology Director
Joseph Comperchio, WPD
Chief Grimes, WPD
Chief Stark, WFD

Not Present: Jane Hackett, Vice Chairman
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Review/Discussion of Public Safety Budgets-Police and Fire Departments

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Police Chief Grimes and Chief of Staff Ted Langill reviewed the Fire Department fiscal year 2020 budget with the Budget/Management Committee, via a power point presentation. Chief Grimes noted that he has added two patrol positions, increasing the complement from 49-51-total for the department will be 99.

His budget totals \$13,425,763, which is \$50,592 (3.9% increase) higher than fiscal year 2019. He noted that this amount is inclusive of COLA's, the addition of the two patrol positions and settling of the contractual pay increases.

Grant funding is as follows:
-Partnership for Success

- Narcans Grant
- US Department of Justice Grant
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
 - State 911 Department
 - Traffic Enforcement Grant
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement and Equipment Grant

The Chief explained the impact of Union Point to the budget. Police activities have been handled by the current staff. As development increases, the need for additional officer will as well. He treats Union Point as a large complex.

Overtime is budgeted at \$675k, which remains unchanged from fiscal year 2019. He noted that as of April of this year \$715K has already been expended in overtime. A few major incidents have attributed to this (homicide investigation, fatal accident reconstruction and an abuse investigation). Money from other line items are often times transferred to cover any shortfall.

The two new positions take a long time to fill and will be as soon as the budget is approved. They are preempting to conduct interviews this week.

Chief Grimes reviewed a chart which compared other towns and officer coverage. The town's population is 55,601 based on the census, but he believes that this number is hard to pin down and doesn't take into consideration the amount of people in town in any given day (ie: South Shore Hospital staff and patients).

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Heffernan to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Power point presentation attached
Approved 3 June 2019