

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD - Budget  
MINUTES

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Date: January 31, 2023  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Place: Via Zoom Meeting & Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the meeting in person were Selectboard Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie, Finance Committee Chair Laura Allen.  
Present via zoom were Finance Committee members Dan Blitzler and Tom Berkle.

The meeting was audio and video recorded.

The Board voted to go into executive session as allowed by MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 6 to consider exchange of real estate. The Board will hold an open session at 10:00am.

The Board unanimously approved the following budgets as requested.

Animal Control Expenses	\$1,000	
Audit	\$9,217	
Board of Registrars Salary	\$50	
Chamber of Commerce	\$260	
Compactor Operation	\$108,995	
Computer Expenses	\$97,513	
Computer Administrator	\$2,580	
Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$360	
Election Wages	\$4,500	
Group Purchasing	\$1,310	
Graphic Information Services	\$5,300	
High Speed Internet	\$2,871	
Inspector of Animals	\$500	
Legal Fees	\$19,000	
Legal Expenses	\$1,500	
Litigation	\$7,000	
Newsletter	\$3,500	It was agreed to stop mailing the newsletter.
Health Services	\$2,470	
School Crossing Guard	\$0	
Town Report	\$300	
Town Telephone	\$8,400	
Veteran's Benefits	\$10,000	
Zoning Bylaws	\$0	
Town Engineer	\$4450	
Building Maintenance General	\$25,300	
Building Maintenance Utilities	\$41,937	
Cemetery Maintenance	\$200	
French Park Maintenance	\$3,270	
Building Improvements	\$11,900	
Highway Construction & Maintenance	\$206,300	
Library Expenses	\$14,725	

Emergency Management Expenses	\$1,600
Forest Fires	\$1,000
Reverse 911 System	\$2,250
Short-term Interest	\$10,000
Highway Truck Loan	\$57,444
Fire Truck	\$61,135
Mt Washington Road	\$90,848.62
Brien Center	\$2,203
Berk So Comm Ctr	\$2,000
Berk Comm Action Council	\$1,000
Construct, Inc.	\$2,000
Council on Aging	\$16,690
Eagle Fund	\$1,000
Egremont Garden Club	\$350
Elizabeth Freeman Center	\$500
Housatonic Valley Association	\$500
Railroad Street Youth Project	\$2,500
Friends of Prospect Lake	\$5,000

The Board approved the following special articles:

French Park repairs	\$9,500
Tree Removal	\$5,000
Town Hall New Roof	\$90,000
Library parking lot paving	\$27,250

The Board has questions for the following departments and will invite each department head to the next budget meeting.

- Ambulance Service
- Fire Department
- Historical Commission
- Cemetery
- Buildings and Grounds Department
- Highway Department

The Board chatted with Council on Aging Administrative Assistant Peg Muskrat briefly regarding her wages.

The members of the Compensation Committee were confirmed as George McGurn, Lucinda Vermeulen, Laura Allen, Cara Becker and Chuck Ogden. The first meeting will take place on Monday, February 6 at 8:00AM.

The next budget meeting will be February 14 at 10:00am

Adjournment 11:44am

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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