

M E E T I N G N O T I C E

BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD

January 9, 2021

A G E N D A

8:00 AM

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1. F.Y. 22 Budget Work Session
 - A. Police Budget
 - B. Bennington Rescue Squad Budget
 - C. The remainder of the Budget
 - D. Set salaries: Town Manager, Town Clerk and Treasurer

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE

Law Enforcement Officers at the Bennington Police Department often respond to reports of a person suffering through a crisis related to mental health issues or substance abuse issues. In an effort to figure out a better way of dealing with people suffering from mental health issues and substance abuse issues, I propose creating a crisis intervention team at the Bennington Police Department.

By forming a Crisis Intervention Team, we will be able to better collaborate with United Counseling Services, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Turning Point Recovery Center, Bennington Project Independence and The Collaborative in an effort to resolve crisis related calls with minimal enforcement and possible use of force.

Calls for service involving people with a mental health crisis or a substance abuse issue involve a Bennington Police Officer as the first point of contact. Initial response to these types of calls may determine the outcome. Having the proper response is important. This involves training and will far benefit the officer and the person in crisis. With proper training, officers will understand how to better interact with people in crisis and will develop a level of comfort knowing how to respond.

Bennington Police Department Officers are on duty 24/7. The Bennington community is robust with available services for people in crisis Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Initially my goal is to focus on training officers assigned to shifts between 1600 hours and 0800 hours. Ultimately, all officers will receive training in dealing with people in crisis.

The Crisis Intervention "Team" will be made up of one Sergeant, one Corporal, three Patrol Officers and two Dispatchers. The team will train quarterly and will be supervised by the Police Lieutenant.

TRAINING RESOURCES

- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center
- United Counseling Service
- Turning Point Recovery Center
- Bennington Project Independence
- Team Two

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager 

Re: FY 22 Budget adjustments

Date: January 5, 2021

I have reviewed the proposed FY 22 budget with the goal of finding potential cuts to reduce the combined tax rate impact to 2.0%. I have attempted to mitigate impacts on projects costs and necessary equipment costs. This really leaves Reserves as the primary focus of my efforts. My suggestions are listed below:

Line Number	Department	Proposed Change	Balance	Reason
01-3650.840	Community Dev.	(\$20,000)	\$30,000	Reduce Marketing
01-5430.570	Solid Waste-recycle	(\$ 4,000)	\$78,460	Costs decrease
01-7160.840	Recreation-Parks	(\$50,000)	\$ 0	Look to ballot
02-5100.100 .150 and .153	Highway Adm.	\$10,250	\$1,109,500	Transposition error
02-5240.840	Highway Bridges	(\$100,000)	\$100,000	Reduce reserve
03-4580.840	Fire Equipment	(\$15,000)	\$25,000	Reduce reserve
	Total	(\$178,750)		

The net effect of these reductions with the Grand List growth at \$7.5 million is a combined tax rate increase of 2.15% to \$1.2691.

Should the Grand List grow by \$10 million the high end of the range of growth, the combined tax rate increases by 1.87% to \$1.2656.

HISTORY OF BUDGET CHANGES

BUDGET CHANGES FROM ORIGINAL TO REVISION A

Type	Account	Before	Change	After	Comment
Exp	01-3650.840	50,000.00	(20,000.00)	30,000.00	Decrease Community Development Transfer to Reserve for Marketing
Exp	01-5430.570	82,460.00	(4,000.00)	78,460.00	Reduce Solid Waste Fees
Exp	01-7160.840	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.00	Cut reserve for Parks in anticipation of passing Pennies for Parks ballot item.
Exp	02-5100.100, 02-5100.150, 02-5100.153	1,099,250.00	10,250.00	1,109,500.00	Correct Highway Wages, FICA, & Pension for for transposition error made while inputting budget numbers.
Exp	02-5240.840	200,000.00	(100,000.00)	100,000.00	Reduce bridge reserve.
Exp	03-4580.840	40,000.00	(15,000.00)	25,000.00	Reduce fire equipment reserve.

NET INCREASE TO BE RAISED BY TAXES (178,750.00) FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO REV A

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022

FY22 FORECAST BASED ON FY21 GRANDLIST (adjusted .75% per Chief Assessor)

(All agencies are included at level fund)

TYPE CODE	TAX RATE DESCRIPTION	TAX DOLLARS RAISED	GRAND LIST VALUE	TAX RATE	LY	CHG
0	GENERAL	8,067,690.00	10,271,849.25	0.7854	0.7540	0.0314
	BENNINGTON LOCAL AGREEMENT-SCHOOL					-
1	HIGHWAY	3,712,660.00	9,246,964.25	0.4015	0.4042	(0.0027)
2	FIRE - INSIDE	340,770.00	4,146,389.00	0.0822	0.0842	(0.0020)
3	FIRE - RURAL				1.2424	0.0267
4	OLD BENN VILLAGE					
6	D.I.C					
	LATE HS-131 PENALTY					
8	SCHOOL - HOMESTEAD					
9	SCHOOL - NON-RESIDENTIAL					
	TOTAL	12,121,120.00				

1.2691

2.1561

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022

FY22 FORECAST BASED ON FY21 GRANDLIST (adjusted 1% per Chief Assessor)

(All agencies are included at level fund)

TYPE CODE	TAX RATE DESCRIPTION	TAX DOLLARS RAISED	GRAND LIST VALUE	TAX RATE	LY	CHG
0	GENERAL	8,067,690.00	10,296,849.25	0.7835	0.7540	0.0295
	BENNINGTON LOCAL AGREEMENT-SCHOOL					
1	HIGHWAY	3,712,660.00	9,271,964.25	0.4004	0.4042	(0.0038)
2	FIRE - INSIDE	340,770.00	4,171,389.00	0.0817	0.0842	(0.0025)
3	FIRE - RURAL				1.2424	0.0232
4	OLD BENN VILLAGE					
6	D.I.C					
	LATE HS-131 PENALTY					
8	SCHOOL - HOMESTEAD					
9	SCHOOL - NON-RESIDENTIAL					
TOTAL		12,121,120.00				

1,2656

↑ 1.87%

PARAN RECREATIONS 2021 Budget

1. PERSONNEL

Director:	\$10,000
Asst Director:	\$6,000
Snack Bar:	\$4000
Life Guards:	\$13,000
Accounting/Admin:	\$5000
TOTAL.	\$38,000

2. OTPS

Facilities Maintenance.	\$10,500
Utilities	\$4000
Insurance	\$4500
Communication/internet	\$3600
Payroll Costs	\$2500
Misc	\$8,000
TOTAL OTPS	\$33,100
GRAND TOTAL	\$71,100

PAVE Budget Fiscal Year 2021-2022	
Budget Total: June 30, 2021	Budgeted Total
Notes	
Income - Cash Reserves	
4020 • Contrib - Indiv, Bus, Group	7,993
4045 • Contributions - Towns	9,100
4060 • Contrib - Program - Clients	3,600
4200 • Contracts - State	30,830
4120 • Grant Income Federal	299,377
4110 • Grant Income State	254,499
4130 • Grant Income Other	10,000
4135 • Grants - Restricted	9,090
4500 • Deferred Grant Income	16,083
11400 • Grant Receivable	14,054
4140 • SBA COVID-19 Funds	4,889
4150 • FVPSA COVID-19 Funds	4,807
4160 • CARES ACT (1) COVID-19 Funds	11,989
4160 • CARES ACT (2) COVID-19 Funds	22,629
4550 • Interest Income	0
Total Income	698,920
Expenses	
60001 • Salaries	315,861
Employee Benefits	
60003 • Payroll FICA Expense	27,402
60004 • Health/Dental Insurance	81,308
60005 • Reliance ST Disability Ins	8,286
60064 • SUTA	7,176
60066 • Worker's Comp Insurance	1,706
Program Services	
60006 • Monitor/Subcontractor Expense	52,862
60007 • Education/Workshop Expense	13,000
60012 • Training & Travel	8,479
60065 • Mileage - Outreach	2,126
60045 • Client Subsidies	9,480
60045 • Client Subsidies - 1 (Motels)	12,500
60046 • Client Legal Fees	0
60067 • Animal Emergency Subsidy	2,500
Operations Expense	
60013 • Accounting Audit Fee & 990	7,790
60016 • Payroll Service Fee	3,360
60017 • Legal Fees-PAVE	0
60018 • Bank Charges	840
60034 • Postage	176
60035 • Dues & Subscriptions	6,485
60037 • Materials & Supplies	14,275
60038 • Telephone & Internet	12,320
60044 • Hotline	11,324
60040 • Website	400
60056 • Misc Expense	594
60061 • Staff Fundraising Exp	0
60062 • Board Fundraising Exp	768
60080 • Subcontractor/Advertising	0
Insurance Expense	
60020 • Liability & Flood Insurance	7,729
60051 • D & O Insurance	1,622
Facility Expense	
60022 • Building Rent-Family Time	6,874
60019 • Rent - Gore Rd	36,000
60068 • Rent - DB McKenna	16,000
60024 • Mortgage Principal	0
60053 • Mortgage Interest Expense	0
60025 • Utilities - Electric	2,200
60026 • Utilities - Fuel	5,600
60027 • Utilities - Sewer & Water	0
60021 • Repairs & Maintenance	150
60028 • Trash	660
60028 • 1 Snow	640
60028 • 2 Pest	0
60028 • 3 Cleaning	2,100
Equipment Expense	
60029 • Equipment Expense - All	18,327
60063 • Unpaid Grant Obligation	0
Total Expenses	698,920
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