

Milford Budget Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
December 19, 2023

Present: Chris Pank, Karen Mitchell, Peg Seward, Wade Campbell, Paul Bartolomucci, Kevin Hunter and Vanessa Sheehan

Absent: Claudia Lemaire, Mike Thornton

Guests: Eric Schelberg (Amb Director)
Lincoln Daley (Town Administrator)
Chris Labonte (Vice Chair Selectman)
Paul Dargie (Selectman)

Business: Meeting called to order at 6:36 by Chris Pank

Ambulance

- Ambulances – two front line and one ready spare
- Paramedic on duty will “triage” the call and respond with ambulance
 - If call needs para – will go on call
 - If does not – will come back to be on crew of second ambulance
- Staffing
 - Mostly FT – some PT and Per Diem
 - 13 qualified paramedics
 - 16 EMT’s
 - Full timers are scheduled for 48 hours/week (so get 8 hours/week of OT at time and a half) – this is less expensive than hiring another employee with salary and benefits
- CTE/Explorer program – hard to have consistency and possibility of staying
 - Can’t keep training and losing to college
 - Need ability to have on call or ability to work consistently
- Approx. 2k calls/year = 6 calls/day
- Estimated \$840k in transport revenue for 2024
- Budget up 6.2%
 - Wages are down 1.7%
 - Per Diem down
 - OT down

- Purchased services
 - software – pediatric app went from \$650/year to \$2,115
 - software IM Responding \$660
- Training and development - \$1500 conference (Image Trend)
- Contractual vehicles \$4400 – maintenance on ambulance
- Supplies – adding a phone for captains
- Possibility of Ambulance Revolving Fund
 - Would use transport \$
 - \$130k put in every year so that in 5 years have \$ to buy ambulance
 - Would need a vote on warrant to spend the \$

Town Budget

- Salary ranges in Milford
 - Looking to continue multi-phase process
 - Bringing about 20 employees this year to mid-range of Milford salaries (8 were Ambulance)
 - Current healthcare buyout is 4k – talking about raising to 10k
 - About 190 FT and 20-30 PT employees in Milford
 - Talk over potential cuts
 - Votes by BOS will be taken on 12/27
- Budget and Bond hearing will be Jan 8th

Misc.

- Mill St. – someone purchased and wants to build a 52ft high, 32-unit apartment building

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary

