

**Town of Haverhill Board of Selectmen
Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020**

Draft Subject to Review by the Board

Members of the Board Present: Darwin Clogston, Howard Hatch, Tom Friel, Matt Bjelobrk, Fred Garofalo

Town Employees Present:

Town Manager: Brigitte Codling

Financial Officer: Jennifer Boucher

Members of the Public Present: None

The work session was called to order at 4:32 PM

Business:

The Select Board discussed each change the Advisory Budget Committee recommended to the Town Manager's 2020 budget; to include the following:

1. For the town to conduct a local and regional health insurance competitive market analysis and consult with health insurance professionals with the goal of decreasing costs for town employee health insurance. (No change to budget)
2. For the town to appropriate \$30,000.00 for fire school trainings (\$10,000.00 to be allocated to each department). The department chiefs should assess the commitment of potential participants before using funds for these trainings. There should be some form of oversight from the select board or town manager. (Select Board unanimously agreed)
3. For the town to appropriate a sum of \$60,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Fire Vehicles and a sum of \$100,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Highway Construction to plan for future projects and purchases. This would be a separate warrant article and is supported by the Advisory Budget Committee. (The Select Board unanimously disagreed with both changes)
4. For the town to appropriate a sum of \$50,000.00, the requested amount from Haverhill Entrepreneurial Encouragement Committee. This money is to be used to start research and initial steps for broadband and cellular tower expansion. This would be a separate warrant article and is supported by the Advisory Budget Committee. (The Select Board unanimously agreed)
5. For the town to increase the annual select board pay by \$7,500.00 which equates to an increase of \$1,500.00 per board member, from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00 per year. This would be a separate warrant article and is supported by the Advisory Budget Committee. (The Select Board unanimously agreed)
6. Agreed they would continue their review at the next Works Session to be held on Wednesday February 12th from 6pm-7pm before the Budget Hearing on that same day.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 5:46 PM; Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes Provided by Alex Collins.