Monday, August 29th

Town Hall Stream Recording: [Click Here](https://www.townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=32&id=61567)

6:30 start

In Attendance: Scott Marion, Doug Abrams, Rob Wright, Jeff Ross, Kate Dumas, Steven Borne, Mike Cotu.

Becky Bergeron: on Zoom

Frank Drake arrived at 6:37pm

Public: Mark Pesche

Meeting Minutes from June 11th:

Motion to approve: Mike Cotu, Seconded by Kate Dumais

All in Favor 6-0

Doug A abstained

Discussion of the Subcommittee suggestions.

Budget Book Tabs:

Working with Town Finance Director Becky Bergeron, the Budget Book the committee receives and reviews will be organized to flow smoother and to more closely match what needs to be reported to the Department of Revenue Assurance (DRA).

Town is moving to a new reporting software that will enable more analysis (graphs) and exporting to .xls. The data output may look different but will have the same level of detail.

Narrative Document was discussed. Wording changes suggested by Scott Marrion will be accepted. The form will lead to consistency across departments.

Discussion of the Debt Service, this will not be broken down and assigned to each department at this time. The Town lumps debt and makes single payments, so backing out will be additional work.

The summary table was discussed. It was suggested that the current capital table should also include the warrant articles and the associated trust funds as current balances are always asked.

CIP was discussed. A lot of the information is high level on the town and the paper focused process is cumbersome for the town departments. There could be room for efficiency.

Discussion on how the CIP makes rankings and suggestions, but no one in town does the Math to figure out and plan how to balance debt over the long term.

Motion to move forward with the Sub-committee forms made by Frank Drake and Seconded by Doug Abrams.

All in favor 8-0

Subcommittee will make changes and provide directly to Becky Bergeron.

All day Budget Workshop:

Draft budget schedule is being circulated.

Looking at Wednesday November 20th.

Town Deliberative Meeting is February 1st.

Other Business:

Mike Cotu offered to investigate Health Care plans and is there a way to reduce costs for the Town.

Becky Bergeron cautioned that in this difficult labor market. Benefits and Salaries are key retention and recruitment tools and we need to be cautious.

The Fire and Safety is the only Collective Bargaining Agreement to be negotiated this year.

Resident Mark Pesche, 538 Wallis Rd, inquired about the Town Report. When he resided in Windham, they included the School and other big budget drivers so residents have a better understanding of what they are getting.

It was discussed that the Select Board creates the Annual Report and focuses on only what the Town administers, so no Schools, Rye Water, Department, County and other aspects in Rye.

Steven Borne pointed out that the Civic League has been providing this view and an annual presentation for the past decade.

Motion to adjourn: Frank Drake, Seconded by Kate Dumas.