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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2022

Kevin Cunningham called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.  
Members present were Kevin Cunningham, Art Gagne, and Scott Gardiner.

**Minutes** Approve meeting minutes from regular BOS meeting 4/11/22.

*Art Gagne motioned to approve minutes from the regular BOS meeting on 4/11/22.  
Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Public Comment** None

**Old Business** None

**New Business**

1. Consider and act on possible budget cuts to be presented to the BOF for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Kevin Cunningham stated that at the Board of Finance meeting they asked for cuts in the budget. The Chief of Police stated that some cuts could be made, reduction of police salary due to departure of higher step police officers with lower step salaries, \$15,500 reduction in computers and technology because computers are being replaced currently. It would be best to purchase items now instead of later to get them ready due to the cyber-attack. We can do a reduction of \$29,014 for next year. Also, CIP has minor changes the HVAC system for \$80,000 they are hoping to start the end of this fiscal year. Another change is the Quinebaug River Trail for \$230,000, this had to be re-applied for. There is some push back with DEEP due to the fish hatchery so we may want to pull this project out. Also, allocation of funds may have to come out of the general fund in the future due to the cyber-attack. He also worked with the Finance Director, Kelly Vachon, on proposed budget cuts and the new pool boiler could be done this year for \$40,000. They can hold off on the purchase of a new flat bed for \$2,000. The GIS Hosting is a three way use for sewer, planning and assessor and the assessor has money allocated already in her budget line so we'll save \$11,134 out of planning's budget line. He also spoke to the Police Chief and due to holiday pay decrease from 8 hr. shift to 12 hr. shifts there is a \$10,000 reduction, \$15,500 for computers and a savings of

*Art Gagne motioned to accept the proposed budget cuts and proposed increase in salaries and to send to the Board of Finance for approval. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Other**

Kevin Cunningham stated that work is being done with America the Beautiful grant chose a group to take this on for us and will set up first meeting date regarding discussion of open space. He will find out what they will be looking for and should have map for wetlands and see what they can come up with for a plan. Tomorrow there is a town meeting vote at 7pm for the sale of I-Park Lot #30.

Art Gagne asked if the grant was a matching grant and Kevin Cunningham stated yes, 50% match and it will be coming from recreation. He also reported that events have been added to the website and Facebook page for the summer. Regarding cyber security work being done there are two groups that are working through issues while Kyle is out.

Sean Peterson stated that the Board of Selectmen did a good job making cuts but asked if the Board of Education has done anything. Kevin Cunningham said he didn't know and that the Board of Finance stated they want more from BOE than the town side, but they went below threshold already. Sean Peterson asked if we are an alliance district, he thought it was next year and Kevin Cunningham suggested he ask the BOE these questions.

Dean Gorman, Chair/Board of Finance, asked if the BOF meeting on Wednesday will it be enough time to advertise for public. Kevin Cunningham stated we can put out on the town website. We are doing decreases; at the public hearing they can ask questions which will include the proposal updates.

**Adjournment**

*Art Gagne motioned to adjourn at 7:29 pm, Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by,

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Suzanne Krodel, Recording Secretary