



**BOC ACTIONS
MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020**

- 1.** Call to order - Mayor Cahoon called the Budget Review Workshop to order at 9 am.
- 2.** Interim Town Manager Greg Sparks summarized the Finance Director's memo of October 15th which detailed items removed from the FY 20/21 budget due to COVID and suggested items to add back into the budget.
- 3.** The Board concurred with the requested budget additions and to move forward with a budget amendment at an upcoming Board meeting. The following was noted:
 - It was Board consensus to reinstate payment from the General Fund to the Water Fund - in full.
 - Lifeguard salaries raised by \$2/hour; Ocean Rescue housing allowance increased from \$25 to \$50/week.
 - It was Board consensus to not cut corners when refurbishing the Sanitation Truck.
 - Fire Chief Wells confirmed that the interior painting request is for Station #21.
 - Dowdy Park Phase III is to be included in the General Fund Budget along with the part-time position.
 - Soundside Boardwalk - Board members would like easement information prior to taking action.
 - Town Clerk Carolyn Morris was directed to update the Mayor's letter to the Visitors Bureau from 2019 re: the Town's interest in the Soundside Event site.
 - For pedestrian safety, it was Board consensus for funds to be provided for the redesign of the Admiral St Beach Access. As a temporary fix for the remainder of this beach driving season, new signage is to be installed to direct drivers to the Bladen St Beach Access (only emergency vehicles at Admiral through the end of beach driving season); in addition, staff is to reach out to abutting property owners/beach drivers informing them of this change.
 - For CIP requests, staff is to include information on the application re: does the request maintain an existing or add a new level of service - to help when evaluating projects.
 - In consultation with the Board, several projects such as Beach Nourishment, will be discussed in separate workshop(s).
 - Beach plantings and different ways to offset costs were briefly discussed; an analysis of the use of hay bales on the beach evaluated by staff earlier this year will be provided to the Board at an upcoming meeting.
 - It was Board consensus to utilize funds to provide employees either a turkey or a ham - since the annual Christmas Party will not be taking place this year.
- 4.** Adjournment - The Workshop adjourned at 10:10 a.m.