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device to show how much salt is in the brine solution. The funding is coming from the Winter Recovery Assistance Program, and the account has about $150,000, according to the request form.

The Fire Department requested $923.95 to vendor Ballard Diesel for repairs and parts to a Humvee, which is the brush and utility truck, and also tows hovercraft trailers and boats.

According to the request form, this is an emergency purchase because the truck will not stay running. It is coming from an account with about $11,015 available.

Appointments and hires

The board made several appointments and hires including Matt Grant to the Planning Board, which only had three out of five members as of the meeting and Bob Locatelli to the Conservation Commission, who has experience on the commission along with the Finance Committee, Board of Health and Capital Improvement Committee.

The board accepted the hiring of Jeremie Perry to the Highway Department and the promotion of Matt McMillan as a Highway Department foreman, per the recommendation of Superintendent Randy Morgan. In a letter to the board, Morgan said that McMillan was hired as a heavy equipment operator and has been performing "extremely well."

The board also accepted the hiring of Tyler St. Cyr as a patrolman for the Police Department, and Deborah Young as Assistant Animal Control Officer, per the request of Police Chief Ryan Daley.

Daley presented a letter stating that the Assistant Animal Control Officer position has been vacant for over a year, and having one will bring support to the town responding to animal-related calls. Young said she has 30 years of experience in the field.

In a letter for the patrolman hire, Daley stated that the department has been running two officers short, and that St. Cyr has seven years of experience in law enforcement, including specialized training and being a part of the Internet Crimes Task Force. Daley stated that St. Cyr also holds a bachelor of arts degree.

St. Cyr said he has experience in Baltimore and New York City.

Daley stated that having adequate staffing is essential to the department.

Old business

The board heard an update from Courtenay Rivera, who is the Council on Aging director about the kitchen floor repairs at the senior center. She stated that she attempted to get three quotes since one of them was over $10,000, but one of the companies did not quote correctly.

The board accepted the correct quote from Nash Contracting in the amount of $10,800.

Mary Beth Kularski said the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has approved a Shared Streets and Spaces program grant for School Street until June 30, 2027.

Department reports

The board heard reports from the Highway, COA and Police Department.

In Morgan's report, he said the department continues to handle resident inquiries, fix pot holes, do mowing and leaf blowing and are preparing for snow and ice operations. He also noted the paving projects on Gilbert Street, Chase Road and Stoddard Court.

Morgan said the police detail for the Gilbert Street project is about double what was budgeted following concerns from the board that there was work being done late, around the time of the meeting at 6 p.m.

In the COA report, Rivera noted 313 total sign-ins, 52 of which were unduplicated in October, with the large event being trunk or treat on Halloween, drawing 856 visitors. There were other programs throughout the month including Medicare 101 with 10 participants, art class with eight participants, coffee and craft with seven participants, strength and flexibility with seven participants, a nutrition program with three participants and a fraud prevention program with 10 participants.

Daley said there were 1,187 calls for service in October including 31 incidents, 13 arrests, summons or custodies, 12 civil citations and 11 accidents.

He said there were some trainings related to firearms and licenses to carry, and that he attended a central Massachusetts chief's meeting along with an international chief's program.

Daley said the department received a grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Agency Risk Management to clean the ventilation system in the department for the first time in 17 years. He said a new sign was installed courtesy of donations from Randy Beadoin of North Country Signs and Shane Chabot from Country Auto, and it was donated in memory of Claudia Beaudoin, a former dispatcher.

Daley also thanked R.N. Glidden and Howe's Farm and Garden for flowers.

Grants

The Fire Department received grants from the Student Awareness of Fire Education of $3,711 for the student version and $1,811 for the senior version. According to the application, Firefighter Mario Polanco put in for $5,500 and $2,800 respectively.

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was the BESS article, and Grimm said the Planning Board worked with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission to put together a bylaw that would satisfy the Attorney General.

She said the state controls systems over 25 megawatts with the Energy Facilities Siting Board, but the town has some control over smaller operations. Grimm said this does not affect personal solar. Article 35 passed 239-13.

Article 41 was a moratorium on data centers, which Grimm said the town's bylaws are silent on. She said this sets up parameters for them and gives the planning board time to work with CMRPC. The article passed 235-23.

Easements

Article 33 was an easement for Walker Pond/Falls culvert easements on Wells Farms Road "for the construction, alteration, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement, and/or relocation of right of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, slope, grading, rounding, construction and other easements."

There was also a transfer of $10,000 from free cash to fund costs related thereto. The article passed 228-26.

Article 34 was for Cedar Street sidewalks phase 2 easements, with the same wording as article 33. There was also a $20,000 transfer from free cash for costs related thereto.

The explanation states these easements will help the town's chances of getting a Complete Streets grant and phase 2 will go from Burgess School Road to Cedar Pond Road. The article passed 204-54.

Other articles

Article 37 was an appropriation of $55,000 to replenish the sewer reserve account after unexpected costs associated with repairing a heating system controller at the wastewater treatment plant. The article passed 208-27.

Article 38 was for the Sewer Department generator and an appropriation of $60,000 from the sewer reserve fund to purchase a 35 kilowatt portable generator, which is a backup used to prevent failures and environmental violations. The article passed 212-32.

Article 39 was an appropriation of $330,000 from the sewer reserve fund for the design of the Route 20 pump station, which has exceeded its useful life. The article passed 205-50.

Article 43 was a transfer of $100,000 from free cash for Joshua Hyde Public Library elevator modernization, of which all of it may not need to be expended and will return to free cash, according to Grimm.

She said the town accepted a bid of about $518,000 and this sum allows some contingency. The article passed 212-45.

Passed over articles

Article 40 was a transfer of $75,000 from the water reserve fund for Cedar Street water line replacement, but the Finance Committee recommended no action because the article states the funds would be used for 1,000 linear feet of water main, but it is actually being used to develop shovel ready plans.

Article 42 was to fund the Department of Public Works contract and transfer $20,000 from free cash and $5,000 from the DPW expense line item, but the Finance Committee recommended no action because the $5,000 had been covered by a reserve fund transfer on Nov. 10, so that amount was no longer needed.

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on it, so a new kickoff was held on Nov. 12. Cofske said the tax classification hearing time is coming, and the Assessors were putting together a presentation, as of the date of the meeting.

She said annual business license renewal is also coming up.

For personnel, Cofske said the Highway Department had interviews for the mechanic and heavy equipment operator, along with part-time plowing. She said a member of the Water Department is participating in part-time plowing as well.

Cofske said the town is continuing to communicate with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation about the Long Hill Road bridge project, along with talking to town counsel about right of ways and easements, so they can send out letters to abutters.

She said a public informational on the 75% plan is on Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Cofske said the Planning Board is working on getting history about a short-term rental bylaw. She said Quabbin Youth Sports Incorporated are close to an agreement and are just working out insurance problems.

She said the town is working on a new sexual harassment policy, as the current one is outdated and the presentation is not interactive. Finally, she said there are meetings being held about the fiscal year 2028 capital plan, noting there's limited funding this year, but the plan is important for the future.

She said the library had sent out information to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners looking for the waiver on the municipal appropriation number to stay certified in light of the failed override.

Other business

Select board chair Henry Brogna publicly read the results of some executive sessions held during the meeting, including litigation of West Brookfield vs Brodak, where they voted unanimously to move forward with a contempt order to make Brodak clean up their property. Brogna said the board also voted unanimously to allow the former elementary school to be used as an emergency reunification site in case of emergency.

Brogna said the board voted unanimously to name Lt. Matthew Letendre as acting police chief, starting Nov. 28 at a rate of $52.60 hourly.

The board accepted a donation from the Fireman's Relief Association to the town of rescue boats, to help the town with public safety like search and rescue operations. The board accepted the minutes of Oct. 13 and 27. The board also approved a bass fishing event on Wickaboag Pond for July 25, 2027.

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ementary school to be built. Duff said he will research the funding.

Another resident Dara Brunell said she posted about a possible name change for the elementary school on Facebook and received a lot of comments.

"A name change shouldn't be happening when our kids need more supports than they're getting…right now, our kids need a better education with more staff," she said.

West Brookfield resident and Select Board member Jordan Brooks said changing to a regional name for the elementary school will show support for all students. He said he hopes everyone can work together to come up with a solution.

Another resident from West Brookfield said she attended Warren Community Elementary School as a child, and she believed the name change would be welcoming to all students.

MSBA qualifying projects

Duff said he had a call with the Massachusetts School Building Authority to discuss accelerated repair program opportunities. He said doors and windows, roofs and heat pumps were qualifying projects.

"The two projects that we would qualify for is a roof project at Quaboag Regional Middle High School or heat pump project at Quaboag Regional Middle High School," he said.

Duff said applications are open Jan. 11-March 19, 2027. He said just because the school district is eligible for these projects does not mean they will be selected.

Rural School Storyboard Project

Duff said the Foundation Budget Review Commission sent an email about the Rural School Storyboard Project, which the school district is involved with. He said this project is to try and adjust the Chapter 70 funding formula to make it more equitable for rural school districts.

Jingle Fund

Duff said the Jingle Fund has been facilitated by police and fire personnel in Warren and West Brookfield. He said last year the Quaboag Regional Middle High School's Community Service Council, National Honor Society and Student Council also helped out.

He said the organizations have asked the school district to run the Jingle Fund, and applications are due by Nov. 27. Applications can be dropped off at the middle high school or Warren Community Elementary School.

Toy drives will be conducted in both Warren and West Brookfield and gifts will be distributed to applicants at the middle high school on Dec. 21.

Prism Grant update

Duff said the $200,000 Prism Grant will be used to select an English Language Arts curriculum for grades six through nine. He said Principal John Diorio will be overseeing the selection.

MassCore requirements

Duff said the school district has met all of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's MassCore standards in order to graduate.

"We are in great shape with that," Duff said.

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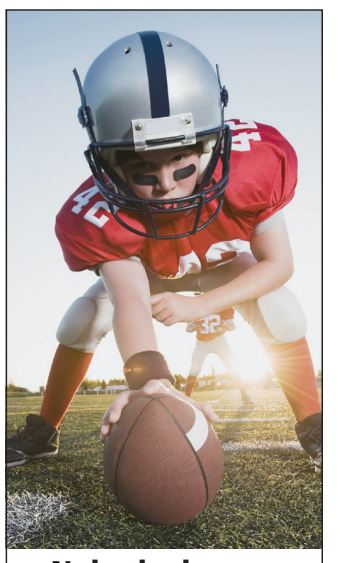

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