



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 20-90
COUNCIL MTG OF: September 1, 2020
FROM: Administration
OFFERED BY: Administration
PREPARED BY: Administration
SUBJECT: Setting the Town Moderator's Compensation

INTRODUCTION

The Town Council is being requested to set the compensation of the Town Moderator.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

See comments within this staff report.

BACKGROUND

By New Hampshire State Law, the Legislative Body of the Town is required to set the elected Town Moderator's salary. Per Section 5.1 of the Town Charter, the Town Council is both the legislative and governing bodies of the Town. Currently, the Moderator is compensated at the rate of \$150 per election. The Town Council at its July 21 meeting, voted to award hazard pay to poll workers in the amount of \$15.00 per hour for work at the polls.

DISCUSSION

This issue arose at the Council's August 18 meeting regarding compensation equity between the Moderator and the poll workers; the Council preferred to take up the matter under a Resolution on the posted agenda at a subsequent meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is roughly estimated that the additional compensation will approximate \$600 total for the September primary and November general election. This additional expense will be funded from the COVID-19 Trust Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

To adopt Resolution #2020-044 (please read Resolution #2020-044)

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