

APPROVED

February 14, 2023

Budget Committee Meeting for the proposed Town Budget FY 2024

Committee members: M Traister, G Rumph, J Lannon, B Stewart, T Smith.

Selectboard: D McGuckin, J Finn

A quorum of the Budget Committee members in attendance, the Chairman commenced the meeting at 5:00pm, with quorum present throughout the meeting.

The minutes of the January 31st meeting were approved as amended. The minutes of the February 7th Public Hearing and meeting were approved. By votes of 5-0.

A draft of town operating budget, on a new format showing additional detail, was distributed to all members on Monday, the 13th. Warrant Articles are not included and will be addressed at later meetings after the School District Meeting.

The overall change in the operating budget from the prior year is an additional \$556,397. Water Project payment is \$255,405. Other additional costs are new staffing DPW \$36,610, Town Administrator \$39,252, per diem increases \$40,000, wage increases, benefits costs, county cost, etc.

A major change to the layout is personnel administration costs are consolidated onto one account whereas in the past those costs were included in each department. The result will show more accurate departmental costs.

A brief discussion took place regarding warrant articles which will be covered in more detail at later meetings and reported on the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom F Smith, Chairman