



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

APRIL 17, 2023

### MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP

**Selectmen in Attendance:** Dick Norcross, Ricky Emery, and John Hicks.

**Attendees:** Cindy Walker; Erik Walker; and Frank Day.

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

**Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants:** were approved.

This was a workshop meeting to review the proposed warrant for Town Meeting.

Rick started with Page 1: Articles 1, 2, & 3 were standard articles; Article 4 to make the Bookkeeper/Deputy Treasurer position a full-time position with the same benefits; Article 5 to make the Recreation Director position a full-time position this is just a 10 hour increase on the current position; Article 6 to change the office of Tax Collector/Treasurer from a position that is elected by ballot to a position that is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to become effective at the expiration of the term which ends on June 30, 2024; Article 7 to change the office of Town Clerk/Registrar from elected by ballot same term to a position that is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to become effective at the expiration of the term which ends on June 30, 2024.

Page 2: Article 8 Admin Payroll, John asked do we have to do anything here if we put in an article for a Clerk's Assistant? Dick said Lynn is being trained to do this also. Discussion over what we can do should Michelle not run or get election. Discussion ensued.

Page 3: Article 9 Admin expenses, nothing's changed; Article 10 Non-fixed costs Legal is the same as last year; Street Lights, there was a brief conversation about CMP upgrading.

Page 4: Article 11 Fire Department; Article 12 Payment for the new fire engine; Article 13 Board agreed to remove the word "equally" to divide into 3 Capital Improvement Accounts; Article 14 Public Safety Building; Article 15 no change.

Page 5: Article 16 Public Works Department, Maintenance on vehicles is up \$10,000; brush control/equipment rental is up \$5,000; calcium and mowing is up; Alvina is to reach out to Dana Batchelder about when the contract is up and when he can meet with the Board;

Page 6: Article 17 Transfer Station, Maintenance and Repair went up; Articles 18, 19, 20 stays the same;

Page 7: Article 21 Planning Board, Seminars went up \$250; Article 22 Assessing expenses the same; Article 23 \$62,000 for the reval; Article 24 Code Enforcement, changes Supplies \$250 and \$1,700 mileage;

Page 8: Article 25 Community Center, Maintenance \$26,000 for paint and windows; Article 26 Rec Dept expenses went down \$1,500; Article 27 Fitness Center; Article 28 Water Rec went up;

Page 9: Article 29 In-Town Organizations; Article 30 Out of Town Organizations went down; Article 31 rollover unexpended health insurance premiums; Article 32 charge 4% interest on unpaid taxes;

Page 10: Article 33 set interest rate on abated taxes at 3%; Article 34 to hold annual town meeting on June 11 and June 12, 2024; Article 35 vote to increase the levy limit; Article 36 vote to accept and expend grants and donations; Article 37 to sell and dispose property acquired by tax process; Article 38 transfer \$350,000 from general fund/surplus to offset the tax rate. Article 39 To vote to grant and raise \$12,944 for Rec Dept "2024 Summer Camp, Junior Guide/Outdoorsman Program".

Page 11: Article 40 To see \$150,000 other income to reduce taxes need to be raised, this article and Article 38 are similar. Not knowing what we have makes it difficult to set an amount. Ricky will reach out to the auditor to see if he can come in and give us numbers; Article 41 Town's Community Center \$1,689,434 stays in the warrant.

John made a motion, Ricky second to adjourn at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alvina Day  
Administrative Assistant