

## Select Board Meeting

April 1, 2023

In attendance: David Dufresne, Chair; Rich Eichacker, Vice-Chair; Derick Veliz, Clerk; James Ferrera, Town Administrator; Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant

Call Meeting to order 1:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting with the Finance Committee

1. **Discussion and possible vote on the articles:** Mr. Dufresne read each of the Special Town articles, and asked if anyone had any questions there were no questions on any of the Special Town meeting articles.

**The Annual Town Meeting Articles:**

Articles 1, and 2 no discussion or questions.

Article 3 was put on hold after all the others.

Articles 4 and 5 had no discussion or questions.

#6 several people talked on this article it was decided that most of the conversation was for the Town meeting.

Articles 7, 8, 9, 10 had no discussion or questions.

Article 11 was passed over until the end of the meeting.

Article 12 was decided that it sounded too much like it was being asked to do a DPW and what we intended was to ask the Town to consider a DPW Article 12 will be rewritten accordingly.

Articles 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 no discussion or questions.

Article 20 needs to have a brief description of what it is about at the top.

Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 no discussion or questions.

Article 27 needs to have a brief description of what it is about at the top.

Articles 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 had no discussion or questions, minor change in verbiage.

Article 34 will have some different verbiage to convey that this is a question we are asking the Town, not that we are going to do a management assessment.

Article 35 had no discussion or questions.

**Budget for FY 24:**

In the Selectmen's A budget FinCom added the cost of the Vadar system. Also, the cost of the new radio towers. This was accepted by the Select Board as a change to their budget.

Mr. Dufresne stated that we will start on the Police first and then go back to Selectmen.

Chief Millette stated what went up in his budget went up.

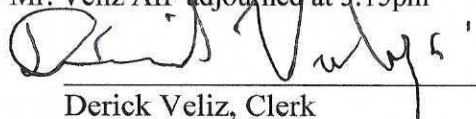
Starting with Selectmen A, B, C, D. everyone was good with this budget, and we went up only 4% before the changes.

The rest of the budgets were all good and there were no discussion or questions.

The last part of the meeting was to talk about the new hire for the fire department. Chief Lavoie stated that he needs another full-time officer because there are not enough people that want to volunteer to staff the department. He has been covering a lot of shifts due to no one else can. His overtime budget would go down and he was able to trim down his other budgets to help pay for a new full-timer. FinCom asked the Selectboard if there were any areas that they could also cut down their budget. The Selectboard cut out \$25,000.00 from legal and \$5,00 from computer purchases line items. At that point FinCom agreed to support the fire department on their new hire.

Adjourn Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Veliz AIF adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant

  
Derick Veliz, Clerk