

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Monday, February 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
Special Meeting MINUTES

In attendance: E. Couture, E. Nunes, J. D'Angelo, R. Regolo

Visitors: A. Stirna, E. Disbrow

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Discussion of budget: review of budget materials
 - Couture and Regolo presented budget document drafts dated 2/15/2024, which reflected updates from previous meeting, including the removal of the two new employees and new state trooper
 - Couture encouraged the board to consider the potential opportunity costs of making cuts for the sake of making cuts.
 - Couture reviewed the 2/15/2024 draft of the General Fund Budget Summary document, reflecting the above noted changes, and including and RSD17 number based on current budget and actual change in ADM. As described the projected shortfall/surplus at current mill rate would be -1,956,174 or -2.34%
 - D'Angelo suggested proceeding with line-by-line discussion. The draft shows items waiting for supplied data and narratives from department heads.
 - General Government spending – in this 2/15 draft -- totaled \$2,992,565 , and increase of \$227,333 (8.2%) Selectman called out the following line items as reflecting notable increases:
 - Early Voting
 - Legal fees
 - Assessor and Assistant Assessor Salary
 - Tax Collector Salary
 - Building Official Salary
 - Public Safety: The budget increase of 26.8% for the ambulance/fire service pension plan Was explained as resulting from census, plan description and performance.
 - Questions were asked about the Emergency Management line and the narrative behind its increase.
 - The board reviewed the public works lines and what some of the adjustments may mean. The board will be asking further questions at a future meeting.
 - The board had questions around contracted hauling and truck operations lines under Sanitation and Health. These lines relate to requesting outside contracting to haul trash from the transfer station when necessary, and maintenance for the truck tasked with

normally hauling refuse from the transfer station.

- Parmalee Farm's request and the status of its accounts was raised. Narrative was requested as was a history of the activities account.
- The Committee on Aging request was discussed. It was noted that the Committee on Aging would like to speak to the board to discuss their narrative. The question was raised if the committee was exceeding its charge in making the budget request.
- Discussion was had as to when the next meetings would take place and who would be attending the meetings. It was agreed upon that the meetings would be the following Tuesday and Thursday and that the KVFC and Walter Adamatz would be attending, respectively.
- The question was raised when the Killingworth Library and Youth & Family Services would speak to the board. No consensus was reached on dates, only that they would be spoken with.
- The general question of what the Department of Public Works will look like in the future was discussed. Where money can be saved, what services could be done better, etc. This was a generalized discussion.

3. Adjournment 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by E. Couture February 16, 2024