



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2024

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent; Tina Sweet, Finance Director;

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Kristin Marriott, Sheila Tarbox, Tom Cloutier, Tony Cote, Christy Snipp, Bob Bortree, Nancy Dunavan*, Jerry Throne*

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30PM at the Tegu Building.

5:32PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:33PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. 5:34PM - Review Capitol budget plan

Tina Sweet, Finance Director, spoke about the proposed Capitol Budget. The highway department is in need of new trucks. The town is paying off 2 vehicles and is planning on buying 3 vehicles. The Selectboard reviewed all equipment needed for the Highway, EMS, Police, and Fire. The police will be paying off 2 vehicles and obtaining 2 more vehicles this year. The fire department will be looking to purchase a new firetruck which has to be special ordered due to the size of the building. The general government capital budget will see a loan for Walton Rd Bridge through a bank.

2. 6:00PM - Review budget overview

Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager, led the Selectboard through the budget overview. Questions and comments were mostly regarding the Library appropriations and town taxes. There was support from the citizens for the library and the arts in Morristown. Selectboard member, Chris Palermo, spoke about the town employee salaries and how the Selectboard reached an agreement in union contracts to have a floor and ceiling of 2% - 4% for cost of living raises.

6:25PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

6:30PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Submitted and filed this January 8, 2024.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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