

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

January 13, 2025

MINUTES

Present: Shawn Talbot(Chair), Jason Somero, Lou Alvarez, Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator), Joe Woodworth (FAC Chair), Bruce Ruotsala (FAC), Peter Somero (DPW), Phil Andrews

5:00 Open Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Below is the link to view the meeting on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/YhP2lslic4c?list=PLzGryVtWOBk8maGlwV0C7-1OgfqwrldjQ>

5:05 Budget Review:

- Joe reviewed the budget and updated the Board on the changes from the previous week.
- Peter informed the Board there was one more wage increase of \$1 per hour for a particular employee which will include the wage increase as well as FICA, Medicare, etc. This employee will not receive COLA as well.
- The Board removed approximately \$27,755 from the General Government Buildings maintenance line because those items can be used from the GGB Capital Reserve account.
- Last year the Board was able to leverage 2 unfilled positions to lower the tax burden because they didn't expect those positions to be filled until July at the earliest, which is why the budget seems higher this year. The Board was able to leverage 3 months of salary for 2025 instead of 6 months.
- Joe will update the budget with tonight's changes and send a copy to the Board when it's complete.

7:30 Draft Warrant Article Review:

The Board reviewed the draft warrant articles and made no changes.

7:36 Round Table Discussion :

- Shawn informed the public of the following important dates:
 - January 14- last day to accept petition warrant articles
 - January 14- Budget must be posted
 - Declaration of Candidacy- January 22nd-January 31st with Town Clerk (info on website)
 - Budget Hearing- January 21, 7pm, Town Office
 - Deliberative Session, February 4, 7pm, Mascenic Auditorium
 - Voting, March 11, 7am-7pm, Mascenic Gymnasium
- The Board will be doing interviews for the payroll/accounts payable position on February 11th.
- Debbie informed the Board that Scott's Cleaning has officially started.

At 7:53 Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deaton
Town Administrator

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman: 

Jason Somero: 

Lou Alvarez: 