

Selectboard Minutes  
December 10, 2024

Present: Jenn Jones, chair  
Andy Artimovich  
Jon Morgan  
Paul Kleinmann  
Letty Bedard

At 6:09pm, Jones called the meeting to order.

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Kleinman to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from December 3<sup>rd</sup>, amended to include a comma after the 1 (million) in the police budget, non-public minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the following building permits:

- Jeff Gardner & Jill Matthews, 163 Crawley Falls Road, Minor Projects
- SGS Trust, 193 North Road, Plan Examination
- Michael & Victoria Schuman, 10 Prescott Road, Solar

All were in favor, motion carried.

At 6:11pm, Jones opened the meeting up to public comment. Seeing none, Jones closed public comment at 6:11pm.

The Board discussed the insurance budget. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard, to return the unemployment line to \$1,000 from \$25,000. All in favor, motion carried. The Board will come back to this discussion later this meeting.

The Board discussed the Health Insurance budget. Open enrollment is complete. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Morgan, to approve the \$624,859 health insurance budget. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Trash/Recycling budget. Morgan motioned, seconded by Artimovich to approve the \$672,158 Trash/Recycling budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Bedard motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to table the Insurance budget, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Budget Committee's decision to amend the Government Buildings budget and reduce the land maintenance line to the prior year's amount. The Board will delay reopening this budget until Morgan can meet with Rec Director Gray.

Bedard motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to approve the \$1 Street Lighting budget. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board signed the Intent to Cut for Tax Map and Lot 201.015.000.

Jones stated that Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, Kip Kaiser, is planning to retire next year. The Board discussed if they should rework this position at that time and the possibility that they may need to reopen the budget. No decisions were made.

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Artimovich discussed a point of contact for inclement weather days, he suggests Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Woss be the point of contact. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed preparing for the Town Report.

Morgan stated that the RFP for reevaluation is complete.

Bedard stated that Planning Board met last week, they are working on Master Plan chapters. Bedard also stated the Fire Department's positions have been posted.

Jones stated that the solar installation in Swasey are about 80% complete. The school budget meeting will be 3/3/2025.

The Board discussed inviting Casella to a Selectboard or Budget Committee meeting to explain the significant increase.

At 7:05pm, Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard to go into nonpublic for hiring and legal. Artimovich – aye, Kleinman – aye, Bedard – aye, Morgan - aye, Jones – aye. Motion passed.

Public session reconvened at 7:47 PM.

Artimovich made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, seconded by Bedard. Roll call vote: Artimovich – aye, Kleinman – aye, Bedard – aye, Morgan - aye, Jones – aye. Motion passed.

Artimovich made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM, seconded by Morgan. All were in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix