

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

November 22, 2023

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 5:00 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Zeke Goodband, Maria Glabach, Lewis White, Todd Davidson,
Alex Wilson (left at 5:30)

Members absent:

Also present:

The Board discussed the Fire Department budget request. The Fire Dept. request was calculated based on deducting the fundraising expenses from last year's total budget. The consensus of the Board was, it should have been calculated by deducting the fundraising revenue not the expenses. The Board is also considering putting the capital items in the town's capital plan. This would change the request from \$101,968 to \$52,918 and add \$32,000 to the Capital Plan. It will also be suggested to the Fire Dept. to reapply for ARPA funds to cover some of their capital needs. The Board will also push a future truck purchase out to 2035. Zeke will contact Larry Pratt to suggest meeting again to discuss all of the above.

The Board discussed the Library budget request. The consensus was to increase the open hours to 16, increase the Librarian hourly rate to \$20.00, and not fund for an assistant. This would change the request from \$35,320 to \$22,040. Zeke will contact Lyle Holiday to see if they would like to meet again.

The Board reviewed and made changes to the Highway Fund, General Fund, & Capital Plan.

Maria will update all worksheets and send to Laurie for posting on the Town website.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Lewis, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk