

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

December 6, 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

**Members absent:**

**Also present:** Chris Brown, Harold & Jean Newell, Gail Sorenson, Terry Chapman, Paul Normandeau, Laurie Frechette, Paul Dery-FD (on Zoom)

The Board spoke with the Fire Dept. Treasurer, Paul Dery (via zoom) at length regarding the funding request and capital plan items for the fire department. The fire department would like to move away from relying on fundraising to cover their operating expenses. The Board requested to see a proposed FY2025 budget.

The Board discussed the General Fund and changed the following:

- Added a new line for the VT Child Care Contribution Tax
- Reduced the fire department request to \$50,000 (pending more information)
- Reduced the Farmland Protection Fund request to \$5,000
- Reduced SeVEDS request to \$2,000

The following change was made to the Highway Fund:

- Reduced diesel fuel to \$59,000

The Board discussed with the residents attending, the payroll wages. All wages were changed to between 4% - 15%. The Librarian hourly rate was also discussed and reduced. Zeke will contact the Library Trustees.

The Board reviewed the Capital Fund and made the following changes:

- Removed the proposed 2027/28 Fire Department truck purchase.
- Move the Fire Department West Station door/window and well/pump to 2030/31

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 Alex, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk