

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

January 3, 2024

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: Gail Sorenson, Paul Normandeau, Linny Jones

The Board discussed the Fire Department capital items and budget request. The Board is unsure where the Fire Department stands. The Board has received differing requests regarding operating and capital funding. At least three members of the Board will attend the Fire Department meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm at the Center Fire Station. This will be warned as a meeting.

Alex will reach out to Charlotte to see about putting the Farmland Protection Fund into an investment fund to earn more interest. He will also reach out to Jack Manix to see how the Farmland Committee feels about reducing the budget line item and investing the funds.

The Board reviewed the Highway and General Fund budgets. Two changes were made to the general fund – reduced the Farmland Protection and SeVEDS lines.

No Changes were made to the Capital or Highway funds.

There was discussion about a pre-town meeting to answer questions regarding the budget. This will be on the next regular meeting agenda.

Todd will work on an explanation why the taxes to be raised has increased and the reasoning behind the wage increases.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session as provided in Vermont Statute Title 1, Chapter 5, Subsection 2, 313(a), #2 to discuss a real estate matter at 6:55 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Lewis the Board voted 5-0 to leave Executive Session and reconvene the meeting at 7:15 pm.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Todd, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk