

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD  
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES**

January 17, 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

**Members absent:** Alex Wilson

**Also present:** Catie Berg, Paul Normandeau, Laurie Frechette, Linny Jones, Dan Ridlehoover, Larry Pratt

The Board discussed the fire department request. It was the consensus of the Board, with agreement from Dan and Larry, that \$50,000.00 will remain in the proposed budget listed as operating expenses and \$26,000.00 will be a new line item in the general fund, listed as capital fund. The fire dept. will be receiving a total of \$76,000.00. All capital items will be removed from the Towns capital plan, except fire trucks.

No changes were made to the Highway Fund.

The Highway Structures funding was set at zero.

The Capital Plan taxes to be raised, was set at \$110,000.00.

Catie Berg spoke with the Board regarding next week's meeting and the discussion regarding the petitioned nonbinding advisory article to be on the Town Meeting warning. She hopes the option to vote on it will be on the agenda for next week's meeting. She stated if voted favorably, the article could be pulled from the warning.

Maria will update all worksheets and send to Laurie for posting on the Town website. She will also type the final budget and warning and send to everyone to review.

Lewis spoke with Lee regarding the proposal from Bill Bandish at the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to have the Town speak with his neighbors regarding removing two trees on their property. Lewis felt this is a matter between neighbors and that the Board would be setting a precedent if involved. The Board agreed. Lewis will let Bill and the neighbor know.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Zeke made the motion and second from Lewis, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 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