

**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 13, 2023**

**Approved**



**1) Open Meeting**

Chair Dudek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Michelle Dudek, Chair; Jim Delaney; Andy Guptill (also attending the Budget Committee meeting)

Also present: Town Admin Kimberley Edelmenn

**2) Operating Budget**

Selectman Guptill noted that the reason for the Select Board meeting was to be able to respond contemporaneously to the actions and suggestions of the Budget Committee.

Chair Dudek and Selectman Delaney listened to the Budget Committee's 3+ hour long meeting. Selectman Guptill was participating in the Budget Committee meeting as ex-officio.

The Budget Committee reviewed the Select Board's recommended operating budget of \$2,427,368, discussed various line items, and reduced it by \$88,845. The Budget Committee's final operating budget was set at \$2,338,523.

**3) Bond Article**

After listening to long discussion by the Budget Committee, the Select Board was informed that the Budget Committee did not recommend the Bond Article as presented.

Selectman Delaney made a **motion** to change the Bond Article to request \$2,042,101 in funds to be used for the construction of a highway department facility, \$400,000 to come from the unreserved fund balance, \$250,000 to come from taxes, and the remainder to come from a bond or loan in the amount of \$1,392,101. Selectman Guptill **seconded**. The **motion passed** with all in favor.

The Budget Committee did not support the updated Bond Article. In further discussion, the Budget Committee suggested reducing some of the construction costs by removing the costs for a few aspects of the building, including a sprinkler system which was not required per the Town's insurance provider.

Selectman Guptill made a **motion** to change the Article 5 Bond Article to request \$1,963,959 in funds to be used for the construction of a highway department facility, with \$1,313,959 coming from a bond, \$400,000 to come from the unreserved fund balance, and \$250,000 to come from general taxation. Selectman Delaney **seconded**. The **motion passed** with all in favor.

The Budget Committee voted whether to recommend the article, as amended: 3 members recommended, 4 did not.

**4) Article 7**

Article 7 would be considered at Town Meeting if the Bond Article failed.

Based on feedback from the Budget Committee, Selectman Delaney made a **motion** to modify Article 7 to read: To raise the sum of \$650,000 for the Highway Garage, \$400,000 to come from the unreserved fund balance and \$250,000 to come from taxes. Selectman Guphill **seconded**. The **motion passed** with all in favor.

## 5) **Adjournment**

Selectman Guphill **made a motion** to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Selectman Delaney **seconded**. The **motion passed** with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberley Edelmann  
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the  
Select Board meeting on March 7, 2023.