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BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND FINAL MOTIONS FY 2023-2024 APRIL 19, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Purcaro -Chair, David Olender, Peggy Busse, James Fay, Douglas Harding, Barry Pinto.

Others Present: Lori Spielman – First Selectman, Tiffany Pignataro – Finance Officer/Treasurer, Dr. Scott Nicol – Superintendent, Brian Greenleaf – Director of Finance & Operations BOE, David Stavens – Deputy First Selectman, Board of Education members Jennifer Dzen, Elizabeth Nord, and Miriam Underwood, Walter Lee – Emergency Management, Ronald Stomberg – Board of Selectmen, Susan Philips – Hall Memorial Library Director, Mary Blanchette – Hall Memorial Library, Lisa Houlihan – Town Planner, Sgt. Brian Santa – Resident State Troopers’ Supervisor, Dustin Huguenin – Recreation Director, Kevin Barrett – Recreation Coordinator, Rebecca Stack – Human Services Director, Kristen Harp – Youth Services Director, Peter Hany – EVAC President, Tim Seitz – CLFD Chief, Jack Rich – EVFD Chief, Ken Radziwon – DPW Director, Aaron Fliss – Director of Technology, Pete Welti – Permanent Building Committee Chairman, Tom Palshaw – resident, Joe Burns - resident.

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:28 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Deliberations and Final Motions

The Chairman gave a quick recap from the last meeting. Through a series of collaborative meetings with the department heads the board proposed a total reduction of \$1,419,011. He stated the Board of Education asked us to take a further look into the proposed amount.

Mr. Greenleaf stated they come to the board every 4 years for a computer replacement which replaces half of the school’s computers. He stated they put \$50,000 into the capital budget that

would be set aside so the next time this comes around in three years they won't have to come back for debt financing. Mr. Greenleaf stated it's a \$285,000 four-year cycle with today's rates they would save around \$50,000 every time it comes out. HE stated it will not change the mill rate. Ms. Pignataro stated at the last meeting there were several cuts to the funding balance. With the reductions, they've been able to reduce the proposed mill rate. With the fund balance that was proposed, we were participating in taking a million out of the fund, now it's less.

Mr. Purcaro stated the second adjustment for consideration against what we disused last week was the Board of Selectmen's CCM membership. The first selectman provided the chairman with the benefits of this subscription including training opportunities, prescription drug savings, advertising for key openings, certification for staff members, etc. Mrs. Pignataro stated the finance department receives an executive summary each year from them which is critical to helping them push through work.

With these deliberations, the revised reduction is \$1,360,045 dropping the mill rate to \$1.8 mills.

This is a motion to reduce the following budget revenue accounts.

**MOVED (FAY) SECONDED (BUSSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE TO
REDUCE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET REVENUE ACCOUNTS
CURRENT YEAR LEVY \$1,343,768
APPROPRIATION-FUND BALANCE \$16,277;**

MOVE TO REDUCE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS			
110-50101	BOARD OF SELECTMEN FULL TIME PAYROLL	\$31,411	
110-60222	BOARD OF SELECTMEN DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$540	
131-60341	TAX ASSESSOR OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$250	
140-50101	TOWN CLERK FULL TIME PAYROLL	\$5,122	
140-60900	TOWN CLERK TOWN-WIDE MAINTENANCE	\$4,000	
210-60250	REGISTRARS & ELECTORS CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,500	
310-60234	CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,700	
310-60250	CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$6,900	
310-60342	CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM AND CLOTHING	\$18,300	
310-60761	CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT	\$2,800	
320-60761	CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT	\$1,500	
320-60766	CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING EQUIPMENT	\$400	
391-60341	FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$120	
391-60346	FIRE MARSHAL TECHNICAL SUPPLIES	\$1,400	
410-60250	GENERAL TOWN ROADS CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$10,000	
512-60250	SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$3,657	
610	HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$14,326	
745-50101	YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMS FULL TIME PAYROLL	\$10,711	
745-60250	YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMS CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,480	
836-60272	ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE BUILDING REPAIRS AND BUILDING MAINT.	\$7,000	
850-60241	PINNEY HOUSE ELECTRICITY	\$2,000	
850-60244	PINNEY HOUSE HEATING FUEL	\$1,500	
930-50149	SOCIAL SECURITY TAX	\$2,411	
950-50151	INSURANCE - ANTHEM BC/BS	\$76,328	
950-50156	INSURANCE - DEFERRED COMPENSATION	\$3,651	
950-60250	INSURANCE CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$39,060	
1033-60250	ADHOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$2,000	
1301-60501	BOE EXPENDITURES	\$26,000	

CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND UNIMPROVED ROAD IMPROVEMENT - \$15,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND SIDEWALKS - \$20,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND FS - REAL ESTATE PURCHASE - \$50,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND BOE - CIP CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS - \$95,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - TOWN HALL RENOVATION/ADDITION - \$15,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - DPW FACILITY MAINTENANCE - \$20,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS - \$20,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND FS - ELDERLY HOUSING STUDY - \$20,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND EVFD - REFURBISH HEAVY RESCUE TRUCK - \$250,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND BOE - EQUIPMENT UPGRADES - \$55,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - SNOW PLOW DUMPTRUCKS REPLACEMENT - \$200,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - PICK UP TRUCK SUPERINTENDENT - \$50,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - ROADSIDE MOWER - \$50,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND EVFD - REPLACEMENT SERVICE TRUCK - \$50,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND CLFD - REPLACEMENT HYDRAULIC RESCUE TOOLS - \$125,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND BOE - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT - \$30,000			
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - POLICE CRUISERS - \$50,000			
FURTHER MOVE TO INCREASE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS			
110-50103 BOARD OF SELECTMEN PART TIME PAYROLL \$18,846			
321-60243 FIRE PROTECTION HYDRANTS WATER \$10,000			
330-60250 POLICE CONTRACTED SERVICES \$1,026			
425-60243 TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE WATER \$150			
810-60243 TOWN HALL WATER \$200			
835-60243 HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING WATER \$250			
840-60243 ARBOR COMMONS - HUMAN SERVICES/RECREATION WATER \$25			
841-60243 ARBOR COMMONS - POLICE WATER \$25			
845-60243 SENIOR CENTER BUILDING WATER \$500			
FURTHER MOVED THAT THE SUM OF MONEY			
RECOMMENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 IS		68,255,699	
ALL EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANTS (ECS)			
ARE DEEMED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.			
FURTHER MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING THE FOLLOWING			
ITEMS:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,271,460		
BOARDS, AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS	128,930		
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,463,444		
PUBLIC WORKS	5,323,155		
CULTURAL ARTS & RECREATION	741,242		
LIBRARY	779,431		
HUMAN SERVICES	900,711		
TOWN PROPERTIES	738,127		
DEBT SERVICE	2,653,242		
FIXED CHARGES	3,540,556		
MISCELLANEOUS	857,882		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	21,398,180		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,774,172		
BOE	45,083,347		
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	68,255,699		
FURTHER TO RECOMMEND TO A TOWN MEETING AN APPROPRIATION OF		1,774,172	
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 FOR THE CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND			
SAID APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:			

1100 CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND							
				2023-24	ADDS	2023-24	
				BUDGET	(REDUCT)	BOF	
Project Requests				REQUEST		RECOMMEND	
Road Overlay				\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ 650,000	
Local Capital Improvement Program				108,297	-	108,297	
Unimproved Road Improvement				30,000	(15,000)	15,000	
Sidewalks				40,000	(20,000)	20,000	
Rd Construction-Large/Small Bridges				30,000	-	30,000	
FS - Real Estate Purchase				50,000	(50,000)	-	
BOE - CIP Construction Projects				95,000	(95,000)	-	
DPW - Town Hall Renovations/Addition				30,000	(15,000)	15,000	
FS - Senior Center Energy Project				32,033	-	32,033	
DPW - Senior Center Café Updates				20,000	-	20,000	
DPW - DPW Facility Maintenance				20,000	(20,000)	-	
DPW - Hall Memorial Library				100,000	-	100,000	
EVFD - HVAC 29 Main Street				140,485	-	140,485	
DPW - Parking Lot Renovations				40,000	(20,000)	20,000	
FS - Elderly Housing Study				20,000	(20,000)	-	
Assessor - Revaluation				67,000	-	67,000	
EVFD - Refurbish Heavy Rescue Truck				300,000	(250,000)	50,000	
BOE - Equipment Upgrades				105,000	(55,000)	50,000	
DPW - Snow Plow Dump trucks Replacement				250,000	(200,000)	50,000	
DPW - Pick up Truck Superintendent				50,000	(50,000)	-	
DPW - Roadside Mower				50,000	(50,000)	-	
EVFD/CLFD - Replacement Fire Hose				56,357	-	56,357	
EVFD - Replacement Service Truck				50,000	(50,000)	-	
EVAC Ambulance Replacement				325,000	-	325,000	
CLFD - SCBA Fill Station Replacement				25,000	-	25,000	
CLFD - Replacement Hydraulic Rescue Tools				125,000	(125,000)	-	
BOE - Vehicle Replacement				30,000	(30,000)	-	
DPW - Police Cruiser				50,000	(50,000)	-	
DEPARTMENT TOTAL				\$ 2,889,172	\$ (1,115,000)	\$ 1,774,172	
LESS-FEDERAL/STATE/TRUST FUNDS							
5 Year "Lease" - 0% Interest				\$ 32,033	\$ -	\$ 32,033	
Ambulance Fee Fund				325,000	-	325,000	
State Grant-LOCIP				108,297	-	108,297	
TOTAL				\$ 465,330	\$ -	\$ 465,330	
NET COST TO TOWN				\$ 2,423,842	\$ (1,115,000)	\$ 1,308,842	
CAP NON REC FUND							

Adjournment

MOVED HARDING SECONDED BUSSE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Phelps

Elizabeth Phelps, Recording Secretary