

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES

March 29, 2024

Board met in HYBRID session at 9:30 a.m. at Abbot Hall and via ZOOM Conferencing
The following Board members were present constituting a quorum:

Erin M. Noonan, Chair
M. C. Moses Grader, Chair
Bret T. Murray
James E. Nye
Alexa J. Singer

Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator

The Chair called the meeting of March 29, 2024 to order. This meeting is being recorded.

FY2025 SELECT BOARD BUDGETS. The Board met to review and vote on Select Board FY2025 Budgets. Thatcher Kezer and Aleesha Benjamin, CFO, and Department Heads presented an overview of what the Board will be reviewing.

General Government. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 General Government budget in the amount of \$3,148,186. All in favor.

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING. Motion made and second that the Board identify the creation of a long-term financial plan for the town as a top priority moving forward after town meeting and that we direct our professional team to work on this with regular updates to the Board. The Board had further discussion on the motion. All in favor.

Public Safety. Chief Gilliland and Chief King appeared before the Board. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 Public Safety budget in the amount of \$11,035,820. All in favor.

Public Works and Facilities. Charles Quigley, Town Engineer, and Amy McHugh (remote), DPW Director, appeared before the Board. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 Public Works budget in the amount of \$2,212,547. All in favor.

Other General Government. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 Other General Government budget in the amount of \$21,448,507. All in favor.

Human Services. Lisa Hooper, Council on Aging, and Dave Rodgers, Veterans Agent, appeared before the Board. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 Human Services budget in the amount of \$516,500. All in favor. Mr. Nye thanked Dave Rodgers for his service to the town. Dave is retiring in June 2024.

Culture and Recreation. Dave Rodgers, Veterans Agent, appeared before the Board. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 Culture and Recreation budget in the amount of \$7,500. All in favor.

Debt Service. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 Debt Service budget in the amount of \$11,058,075. All in favor.

Harbor Enterprise. Mark Souza, Harbormaster, appeared before the Board. Motion made and seconded to approve the FY25 Harbor Enterprise budget in the amount of \$1,181,119. All in favor.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA). Budget Presentation. Motion made and seconded to produce and publish the GFOA Budget Presentation as the Town's holistic budget document and to seek to be awarded the qualification from GFOA as our gold standard. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

SELECT BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS. The Board commended the Town Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and all Department Heads for their hard work moving through the budget process.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

List of documents used:
FY25 Select Board Budgets