

**MINUTES SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
BUDGET 2024-2025
Grafton Town Hall Upstairs In Person/Live
With accommodation for persons unable to attend in person via interactive Zoom**

Monday, October 30, 2023, 5:00 pm

Present at the meeting in the Town Hall:

Selectboard: Chair Joe Pollio, Vice Chair Cathy Siano-Goodwin, John Gregory, Seth Pajcic, and Rich Thompson

Also: Kim Record and Morgan Wilbur

Present online: Krista Gay, Charles Bonin, and Camille Witkowski

1. Call to order: The Chair called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Seth Pajcic, seconded by Rich Thompson to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Adopt Rules of Procedure for Vicious Dog/Domestic Pet Bite Hearings: Joe Pollio gave a brief introduction about the Rules of Procedure and why it's important for the Selectboard to adopt them.

It was moved by Rich Thompson, seconded by Seth Pajcic, to adopt the Rules of Procedure for Vicious Dog/Domestic Pet Bite Hearings. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget for 2024-2025: Kim Record presented 2 potential budgets per request from the Personnel Committee. The first was a projection if the Selectboard wanted to stay with a 3-member highway crew and the other was to hire an additional highway crew member. There were concerns about raising the budget so much with the additional person. Seth Pajcic and Cathy Siano-Goodwin said they met with Mike Faulkner and determined that there would be savings from other line items where many projects are contracted out. Discussion continued to decide if it would be feasible to hire an additional person.

It was moved by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, seconded by Seth Pajcic to hire a fourth member to the highway crew and to start advertising immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Pollio mentioned having a better system for interviews and the hiring process. Seth Pajcic said Cathy Siano-Goodwin, Mike Faulkner, Colby Record, and himself can be on the hiring committee. Once they meet with potential candidates, they will bring their recommendations to the Selectboard.

Kim Record then began discussion of the rest of the budget.

Joe Pollio suggested having another meeting in December to finalize the budget, in case they feel anything has changed. He set that date for Monday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m.

5. Other Business: There was no Other Business.

6. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

7. Next meeting: Dog Hearing on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 10 AM

8. Next Regular Selectboard meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6 PM

9. Adjourn. It was moved by Seth Pajcic, seconded by Rich Thompson, to adjourn the special meeting at 6:16 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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