BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

March 1, 2022

Board met in session at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM conferencing.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair
M. C. Moses Grader
Erin M. Noonan
James E. Nye
Alexa J. Singer

John J. McGinn, Interim Town Administrator

BUDGETS. The following Departments appeared before the Board to present their FY2023 budgets:

Police Department. Police Chief Dennis King appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $4,411,114.74 for Salaries, $203,490.00 for Expense, $5,000.00 for Indemnification of Officers, for a total operating budget of $4,619,604.74. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Animal Inspector. Motion made and seconded to approve $2,400.00 for Salaries, for a total operating budget of $2,400.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Fire Department. Fire Chief Jason Gilliland appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $4,627,254.28 for Salaries, $212,174.00 for Expense, $5,000.00 for Fire Alarm Expense, for a total operating budget of $4,844,428.28. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Harbors and Waters Department. Mark Souza appeared before the Board to present the Harbors & Waters Board proposed budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $432,741.37 for Salaries, $469,007.31 for Expense, $105,000.00 for Capital Outlays, for a total operating budget of $1,006,748.68. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Veterans Services Department. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2023 as follows:
Veterans' Agent. Motion made and seconded to approve $75,096.11 for Salaries, $1,243.00 for Expense, $1,100.00 for Local Travel, $45,000.00 for Benefits, for a total operating budget of $122,439.11. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.
Memorial Day. Motion made and seconded to approve $7,050.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of $7,050.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.
Weights and Measures. Motion made and seconded to approve $250.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of $250.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mrs. Singer. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Highway/Drain/Tree Department. Rob Dever, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $1459,262.40 for Salaries, $173,891.30 for Expense, $50,875.00 for Rebuild/Maintain Streets and Sidewalks, $100,000.00 for Snow Removal, for a total operating budget of $1,784,028.70. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Engineering Department. Charles Quigley, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to present the proposed budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $184,999.92 for Salaries, $10,645.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of $195,644.92. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Building Inspection Department. John Albright, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Building Inspection budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $569,088.50 for Salaries, $49,102.00 for Expense, $6,000.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of $624,190.51. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Public Buildings Department. John Albright, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Public Buildings budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $123,725.80 for Salaries, $121,034.00 for Expense, $400.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of $245,159.80. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Council on Aging. Lisa Hooper, Director of the Council on Aging, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $323,358.05 for Salaries, $11,990.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of $353,348.05. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Finance Department. Steve Poulos, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2023.
Finance. Motion made and seconded to approve $758,098.75 for Salaries, $619,246.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of $1,377,344.75; $6,465,000.00 for Maturing Debt, $3,641,618.98 for Interest, $754,000.00 for Medicare, $15,244,166.56 for Group Insurance, $0.00 for Non-Contributory Retirement for a total budget of $27,482,080.29. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.
Parking Clerk. Motion made and seconded to approve $12,650.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of $12,650.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.
Other Post-Employment Benefits/Stabilization. Motion made and seconded to approve $250,000.00 for Other Post-Employment Benefits and $250,000 for Stabilization Fund for a total operating budget of $500,000.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.
Workers Compensation. Motion made and seconded to approve $360,000.00 for Workmen's Compensation and $37,169.00 for 111F Injury Leave Fund for a total operating budget of $397,169.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Selectmen's Department. John J. McGinn, Interim Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $5,500.00 for Office Expenses, $387,664.50 for Salaries, $102,302.00 for Expense, $27,000.00 for Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services, $15, 000.00 for Training, $2,000.00 for Out-of-State Travel, $4,300.00 for Town Reports, $54,500.00 for Audit of Accounts, $128,820.00 for Street Lighting, $725,000.00 for Other Insurance, $100,000.00 for Utility Reserve, $173,640.50 for Salary Reserve, $533,544.00 for Energy Reserve for a total operating budget of $2,259,271.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Town Counsel. John J. McGinn, Interim Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2023. Motion made and seconded to approve $2,000.00 for Salaries, $110,000.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of $112,000.00. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mrs. Noonan. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs.

Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

The Interim Town Administrator reviewed the next steps in the budget process with the Board. The Finance Committee will be meeting with the liaisons for the Selectmen's budgets and will hold a full Finance Committee meeting later in the month with the Board of Selectmen to vote on the Selectmen Budgets. The Finance Committee liaisons continue to meet with other departments not under the Selectmen's purview and will meet to vote on their budgets as well. The Finance Committee will hold the annual Warrant Hearing on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. where they will make their recommendations.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 11:31a.m. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

List of documents used:
Budget estimates:
Police/Animal Control/Fire/Harbors and Waters / DPW/Drains/Tree/Veterans Agent/Memorial Day/Sealer of Weights, Measures/Engineering/Building Inspection/Public Buildings/Council on Aging/Finance Department/Other Public Employee Benefits/Workman's Comp/Selectmen's Dept/ Town Council