

Town of Marlborough

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023 TOWN HALL 3:00 p.m.

1) Call to Order

Chairperson Deb Bourbeau called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Present were Greg Lowrey, Deb Bourbeau, Betty O'Brien, Joe Asklar and Amy Traversa, Interim Town Manager and Town Planner Peter Hughes.

2) Retiring Projects

Peter Hughes provided a document with 5 projects from the 2022-2023 budget to be retired. Fire Command Vehicle, ADA Blish Park Sidewalk, Design Engineering JHR Bridge, Fill Box/Auto Shut-Off Valve and Elevator Replacement Plan, for a total of approximately \$48,469.19. (Peter needs to verify the elevator replacement amount. These funds will be returned to the CNR for future reallocation.

A motion was made by Greg Lowrey to forward to the Board of Finance the amount of \$48,469.19 pending verification of the elevator replacement plan of \$3280. Seconded by Joe Asklar. Motion carried.

3) Budget

The budget has been finalized and will be presented to the Board of Finance on Wednesday February 15th, 2023. If approved, the mill rate will be reduced from 35.55 to 35.27 mills. The budget will fully fund every aspect of the operations budget as proposed by the school and town, and all capital projects. The budget uses undesignated funds but preserves the balance at 14.5 % of the town budget. The proposed budget shows an overall increase of \$550,177 or 2.06 percent. For expenses, the RHAM total increased by \$521,728 or 4.77 percent for Marlborough's share. The local Board of Ed increased by \$169,497, or 2.05 percent. Town operations will increase by \$441,789 or 7.27 percent, contingency stays at \$75,000, and debt is reduced by \$582,837 or 41.86 percent. Total expenses rose by \$550,177 or 2.06 percent. The Grand List grew by \$6,466,145.

There was further discussion about The CNR chart provided by Peter Hughes, as well as ARP projects and costs, and future bonding.

A motion was made by Greg Lowrey to move the entire budget for the fiscal year of 2024 to the Board of Finance. Seconded by Joe Asklar. Motion carried.

4) Pending Litigation

The Town Charter was reviewed on page 41, regarding transfers. The BOS would like Chairman Bourbeau to have a free hand in working with the BOF to find funding sources, while being mindful of the charter. Their guidance would be to use legal and contingency funds first, and if any items need to be discussed, Ms. Bourbeau will confer with the Board of Selectmen.

5) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Deb Bourbeau

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