

**Select Board
Joint Meeting with Finance Committee
April 7, 2021, 7:00p.m.**

Select Board Present: Chair Keyes, Selectman Arcudi, Town Administrator Schindler

Chair Keyes called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee (already in session).

New Business

Chris Hodgens, Finance Committee Chair, stated they are expecting a 1% increase in revenues, but expenses exceed projected revenues by \$1.2 million.

• Review MOUs for Police Chief/Lieutenant

Chair Hodgens informed the Select Board that, due to the projected budget overage, all contracts are going to be reviewed for opportunities to cut back on increases, noting that the Town Bylaw states the Finance Committee should do so. Selectman Arcudi felt that the employees should be invited to these meetings to defend their contracts. The Select Board supported this contract and the percentage increase.

Ken Wilson motioned to vote favorably for the MOUs for Police Chief and Lieutenant contracts. Colleen Strapponi seconded the motion.

Colleen Callahan – Aye, Patrick Maloney – Aye, Ken Wilson – Aye, Chair Hodgens – Aye

• Review FY22 Budget Updates & Discussion (votes may be taken)

Chair Hodgens shared the latest draft of the budget with the meeting participants. Members of the Finance Committee stated that they need clearer guidance from the Select Board as to where budget cuts should be considered to bring the budget into balance. Selectman Arcudi felt that the Finance Committee should prepare 2 budgets – one that includes an override and a balanced budget with required budget cuts – so the townspeople can see what they are voting for.

Selectman Arcudi motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

Chair Keyes dissolved the meeting at 8:50p.m.

Submitted by:

Lindsay Peterman

Board Approved: 7/24/2023