

**SELECTBOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
WORKING BUDGET MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 2023
1:30 PM
COLLIER ROOM**

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: 1:30 pm

PRESENT: Peter Romans, Gary Circosta, Eric Hanson, Dave Kelley, Ellen Celnik

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Brett Stanciu

Peter opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

This meeting is to review the entire 2025 budget.

Brett stated she was still working on a figure for IT.

Dave was still working on the Black Dirt contract.

Gary recommended that the Dispatch contract be increased 3% from last year.

The Fire Department payroll was reviewed as this year's was just received.

Dave was still working on the Rescue Squad request, to be discussed next week.

The Board decided to put a discussion of plowing driveways under Other Business at Town Meeting, to see if the Town still wants to contract driveway plowing. Eric said he would talk with Jeff to see if he would be interested in submitting a proposal as the present contract ends May 1, 2025.

Peter noted that Dan Predpall was working on an engineering study for the Willson Street flooding problem that would have a 25% match.

Chuck Hill has been plowing the sidewalks with his bobcat until our machine is repaired. Estimate was \$800 a snowfall.

The Board talked about the Stannard Fire Contract, wanting to include other capitol expenses in the calculation (SCBA, interest on the fire station mortgage) as they are part of the yearly expenses. Gary was going to work on the equation.

Discussion on how to lower the increase in the budget; i.e. HERF, Capitol Budget, Sidewalks

Gary had more questions on the Library Endowment.

There was a review of the general fund balance and the highway fund balance.

The next Budget meeting will be Wed. Dec. 20th at 1:30pm.

Adjourned 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted – Kim Greaves, Town Clerk

AMENDED 1/11/24 J.K.