

**SELECTBOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WORKING BUDGET MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27, 2023**  
**1:30 PM**  
**COLLIER ROOM AND VIA ZOOM**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:** 1:30 pm

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Greaves, Brett Stanciu, Jennifer Lucas, Carol Reynolds, Sharon Putney, Fan Watkinson

Gary opened that he had spoken with Sheriff Marcoux and negotiated the Dispatch contract to \$6,000 this year, all agreed that Gary could confirm that was agreeable to the entire Board.

Peter asked Jennifer to open with the Library concerns as other were attending for the Library.

Jennifer stated that she had responded to Gary's request for clarifications. She reviewed the statutes regarding endowments, financial positions, etc. She explained that the donors had explained the intent of the endowments and put the restrictions on these donations. The intent was to use the interest proceeds of the endowments, thereby allowing for continued income.

Gary asked that their financial position be explained in the Town Report.

Further review of prospective cuts:

Selectboard Chair:	\$500
Planning Projects	\$1,000
Cemetery Projects	\$1,000
Conservation Com.	\$1,000
Historical Society	\$1,000
Library	\$1,000
Sidewalks	\$18,000
Paving	\$20,000
HERF	\$10,000
Rescue Squad	\$2,000

Brett will reach out to the entities with these prospective cuts to their requests.

Peter reviewed the most recent damages from the December flooding, maybe approximately \$18,000 to \$20,000 in damages. This speaks to some unexpected costs in this present year's budget.

Another meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm

Dave moved to go into executive session for a personnel issue, Eric seconded at 2:45 pm

Board exited executive session at 3:08 pm. Dave moved to hire Gary Circosta to work on FEMA reimbursement. He may remain on the Selectboard, but must recuse himself from all votes related to FEMA.

Eric seconded the motion which carried (P.R., E.H., D.K., E.C in favor, G.C. abstained).

Unanimously adjourned at 3:09 PM.

***AMENDED 1/11/24 J.K.***