

SELECTBOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024
1:30 PM
COLLIER ROOM

CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: 1:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Brett Stanciu

These Budget meetings are designed to review the entire FY25 budget.

Brett opened that she spoke with the Hardwick Rescue Squad and they had agreed to return \$5,000 of the ARPA grant. With that, they keep their request the original appropriation.

NVDA had increased their due to \$689.

Discussion on the appropriation to the Cemetery Commission. It was decided to cut the \$1,000 originally agreed upon.

The County Tax was discussed as it is a large increase. Brett will confirm with the County Clerk as to the percent increase and then insert that amount into the budget.

The percent increase with the above changes is at 6.05% increase from last year.

The Board agreed to transfer the remaining ARPA funds to the General Fund.

As recommended by Gary, articles will be put on the Town Meeting Warning for the transferring of funds to the HERF account and Capital Budget. Gary will create these articles.

The Line of Credit the Town has with the Community National Bank needs to be renewed in July. Brett will confirm the different documents that will be needed to do this.

The Bond Bank application was submitted last Thursday and hopefully we will be notified soon.

Peter requested an Executive Session for the Wednesday, January 10th meeting regarding Planning Commission.

A preliminary hearing is needed for the Road Crew Union request. The Board decided to hire an attorney for advice on this, Eric will contact Karen Stackpole at Paul Frank & Collins. The hearing is tentatively set for February 12th at 9 am.

Eric moved, Gary seconded motion to adjourn
Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted - Kim Greaves, Town Clerk

AMENDED 1/11/24 J.K.