

Greensboro Selectboard

November 6, 2024 Budget Meeting – Minutes

[This was a hybrid meeting held at the Town Offices]

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: MacNeil, David Kelley, Eric Hanson, Bobbie Nisbet, Ellen Celnik

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT in person: Kim Greaves, Jennifer Lucas, Josh Karp, Tom Camarra, Peter Romans

OTHERS PRESENT remote: none

CALLED TO ORDER: 1 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

FY 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The board discussed the draft FY26 budget. Items discussed included:

- **Town employee compensation.** Eric said there's been no final agreement on compensation. Ellen said she and Bobbie are working on the road crew union contract.
Health care costs are projected to increase by about 20%. Discussion of the relationship between employee health care contributions and wage increases.
- **Roads.** It is unclear at this point whether the town will be receiving state grants for small road projects in FY26. The required match for these grants is usually road crew time and equipment usage.
Josh said it is anticipated that up to \$500k will be received from FEMA for the July 2023 flood, above and beyond reimbursement for direct flood expenses. This is to compensate the town for the value of town gravel, road crew labor, and town equipment used during flood repairs. Josh will compile a report detailing these figures and the expected time frame for receipt of the funds.
Discussion of paving.
Discussion of the sinkhole in front of Willey's. Tom said the road crew needs to dig up this area and see what's causing the issue.
- Discussion of the heating oil contract.
- Discussion of the 'grants match' line item. Current grants, as well as grants projected to be received in FY26, need to be assessed for match requirements.
- Kim said she hopes to use a state Elections Grant to purchase a new town laptop. Discussion of the whether the current town desktop machines are able to be upgraded to the latest operating system. If not, they will need to be replaced. Kim will research.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp