

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp (one hour late), Leighton

Others Present:

Audrey Bradford, Jon Albrecht, Audrey Berzinis, Royce Hardin, Jenna LeClerc, Casey McGraw, Joel Katz; Finance Committee

Business:

Meeting commenced in a school classroom@ 6:00 PM. A line-item review of the proposed 2024 town budget worksheet took place. New line items were added; Grant Writer, Town Cloud Website, Fire Truck Reserve, Sand/Salt Shed Project, and Fire Station Roof & Lighting. Several line items were deleted; Final Fire Truck Payment, Comprehensive Plan, and Wallamatogus Trail Parking Lot. Numerous line items were increased adjusting to rising operational costs.

Regular select board items were discussed following the Finance Committee review meeting.

The issue of the now annual George Stevens tuition supplement request was brought up. The Board agreed that it would be better to decide the issue as a ballot referendum item rather than at Town Meeting. More people will be likely to vote that way. A public hearing will be held prior to voting as necessary.

Board discussed having Allen Kratz focus on grant writing for the sand/salt shed project primarily, with the possible transfer station licensing & improvements. His services to the town after March 31st are contingent upon the Town vote (Grant Writer).

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.