

Financial Advisory Committee/ Selectboard Budget Vote Meeting Minutes

Dec. 21, 2023 7:34 PM

--Attending: Committee members Steve Young, Renee Fahey, Jeffrey Carpenter,

Claudette Townsend, Judy Weymouth; Absent: Gary Fullerton

Selectboard members Michael Barden, Stanley Hackett, Tammy Ramsdell

Audience: Emil Braley, Laura Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan, Jason Smith

-- Renee provided us with a color-coded, well-organized spreadsheet with current & future Capital Improvement requests thru 2030

-- Stanley explained the increased budget expenses 2024 for the Recreation Dept, & COLA increases.

-Claudette asked for an explanation of budget total expenditures & revenues

-Town manager has been added to 2024 budget

-Review & discussion of individual headings under General Town Operations

-Discussed future revaluation of properties & cost of that operation

- Capital Improvements: assessment of Town Hall needs & expansion(s), Fire & EMS; when to allocate funds for required assessment & engineering studies; working Fire/EMS building, & municipal building, into the 5 -year plan. It was recommended that Fire/EMS revenues be directed into Fire/EMS Capital Improvements.

Results of Financial Advisory Comm/Selectboard votes on 2024 Town Budget:

NOTE: One Selectboard member, & one FAC member, abstained from several votes because as new members they felt they lacked enough history/information to be able to make an informed decision.

General Town Operations, \$770,568: Financial Advisory Comm: 5 yes, none opposed, 1 absent/  
Selectboard: 3 yes, none opposed.

Human Services, \$30,830: FAC: 5 yes, none opposed, 1 absent/ SB: 3 yes, none opposed.

Public Safety, \$1,129,861: FAC: 5 yes, none opposed, 1 absent/ SB: 2 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Roads & Highways, \$1,590,048: FAC: 4 yes, 1 abstention, 1 absent/ SB: 2 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Sanitation, \$541,583: FAC: 5 yes, none opposed, 1 absent/ SB: 3 yes, none opposed.

Leisure Services (Recreation), \$406,116: FAC: 4 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention, 1 absent/ SB: 3 yes, none opposed.

Capital Improvements:

LP&R, \$40,000: FAC: 4 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention, 1 absent/ SB: 2 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Fire & EMS, \$400,000: FAC: 4 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention, 1 absent/ SB: 2 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Public Works, \$150,000: FAC: 4 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention, 1 absent/ SB: 2 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Transfer Station, \$20, 000: FAC: 4 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention, 1 absent/ SB: 2 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention.

Proposed Capital Improvement Total, \$610,000: FAC: 4 yes, none opposed, 1 abstention, 1 absent/ SB: 3 yes, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Weymouth, Secretary