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**Unapproved Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION,
and BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Friday, January 26th 2024
4:30 pm**

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

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Charlie called the meeting to order at 4:40pm

In attendance – In person: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Erin Kopacz, Mark Brouillette (arrived at 5pm); via Zoom: Suzanne Dollois, Emily Kimball,

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. added “Water Budget Approval”, now item #4
2. FY25 Municipal Budget Approval (*discussion/committee & board action*)
 - a. Charlie and Erin walked through the highpoints of the budget, with specific attention to increasing and/or decreases in both projected revenues and expenses, the unreserved funds calculation, and reserve fund allocations. Discussion of projected tax rate impacts.
 - b. Suzanne moved to make a Journal Entry to book all expenditures associated with the match requirements for the Black Falls Road project in FY23 and FY24 to the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Account; to book all expenditures associated with the Longley Bridge Road Stream Bank project in FY23 and FY24 to the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Account; and to book all expenditures associated with the FY23 and FY24 match requirements for the Streetscape Project to the ARPA reserve account. Seconded by Leanne. Motion carried 4-0 (*note that Mark had not yet arrived at this point*).

- c. Leanne moved to adopt an FY25 municipal budget of \$1,330,002, with a projected tax rate of 0.6059, which would be an approximate 5% increase from FY24. Seconded by Suzanne. Motion carried 4-0 (*note that Mark had not yet arrived at this point*).

Note: Mark arrived at 5pm

- 3. Town Meeting 2024 Warning Approval (*discussion/board action*)
 - a. Board reviewed the Draft TMD Warning. Discussion ensued.
 - b. Motion to approve the 2024 Town Meeting Warning as presented by Mark; seconded by Leanne; approved 5-0
- 4. Water Budget
 - a. Board reviewed the FY25 Water Budget with Erin, noting that revenue's continue to exceed expenses
 - b. Motion to adopt the Water Dept budget in the amount of \$112,262 made by Mark; seconded by Leanne; approved 5-0
- 5. NRPC Contract for Planning Services (*board action*)
 - a. Charlie conveyed that he confirmed with NRPC that the prior contract had the match and town commitment flipped. These should be a total project budget of \$18,720, with \$16,848 in grant, and at town match commitment of \$1,872.
 - b. Emily moved to adopt the agreement for planning services for Bylaw Revision project as amended; seconded by Mark; approved 5-0
- 6. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
- 7. Review Action Items for Board Members
- 8. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Leanne; seconded by Mark; unanimously approved 5-0
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm