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Selectboard Budget Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2024

In attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Vice-Chair Teresa Boucher, Town Clerk-Treasurer Maggie McCormick, Kathy Kennett, Sharon Ashcraft, Dave Rheaume, Cindy Cooke, Kevin Cooke, Diane Merrill, M'Lissa Dayton, Jamie Dayton, Terry Pelletier, John Viskup

1. Howard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Additions/deletions to the agenda: None.

3. Public Comment

    a. Kathy Kennett requested that a PA system be added to the FY26 budget.
    b. John Viskup asked about a Zoom option for budget meetings.
    c. Kathy Kennett stated that as of July 1, 2024 all meetings must be recorded.
    d. Sharon Ashcraft stated that she had been in contact with an attorney at the Secretary of State's office who stated meetings must be recorded.
    e. Kathy Kennett referenced the statute on the Town's website.

4. Working Budget Session
    a. The state money for paving in FY26 was discussed and the board noted that paving plans will be modified based on the amount of state aid received.
    b. Wages and benefits in other local municipalities were discussed and Howard was requested to provide a document showing the information about other towns.
    c. There was discussion about the sale of the old dump truck and the trade-in on the old pick-up.

d. M’Lissa Dayton asked for the State Reappraisal money to be moved out of the revenue budget.
e. The FY26 office retirement budget for the office was questioned and confirmed.

5. Adjournment

Teresa moved to adjourn. Howard seconded. All in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie McCormick
Clerk & Treasurer