

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BUDGET WORKSHOP #7
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022
Minutes**

The Board of Selectmen held a budget workshop on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 with First Selectman Pam Sawyer presiding. Also present were Selectmen Robert Morra, Bob DePietro and Adam Teller, Interim Administrative Officer Jim Rupert, Chief Financial Officer Jill Collins, Board of Finance Chair Emily Bradley and Board of Finance member Alex Rivera. Absent was Selectmen Mike Eremita.

1. Call to Order

Pam Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. A/P Approval

Motion: I move the Bolton Board of Selectmen approve the A/P report as presented.

By: R. Morra

Seconded: B. DePietro

Voting:

For: R. Morra, B. DePietro, A. Teller and P. Sawyer

Against: None

Abstain: None

3. Discussion on FY23 Budget

Discussion and questions were asked about multiple budgets.

- Recreation was funded through the round fund and self-supported until COVID hit.
- Health Insurance – recent letter stating there will be an 8% increase – this increase is included in the \$603,000.
- Refuse/Recycle – we are still trying to schedule a time to meet with them to discuss rates – we expect this to go up substantially.
- Liability Insurance – A. Teller suggested we look at what a higher deductible might do for us.
- State Police – we have not been given any numbers for the upcoming year. 85% of this budget is payroll, then overtime, training and vehicles/equipment.
- Audit – the increase here is due to a possible Federal Audit that we may get hit with next year.
- Building and Land Use – selectmen would like to see the calculated income from contracted services.

- Library has a 6% increase because they would like to make a current part-time position go to full-time starting mid-year next year. (FT benefits are NOT included in the numbers shown).
- Grants – Town is looking at what grants we can apply for and use. Need to keep in mind that the Town would have to put up a 20% match for these funds. ARP funds may be able to be used for this match.

4. Discuss Additional Workshop Dates

Next budget workshop will be Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Both the BOE and Town Budgets are due to the Board of Finance by March 15th.

R. Morra and B. DePietro both agreed they'd like present a (Town Proper) budget to the B.O.F. under 3%.

A.Teller was not ready to give a percentage but doesn't want people to cut their budget if it's something they really need.

It has been recommended to Interim Administrative Officer J. Rupert that he go back and ask for each department to cut their budget wherever they think they can. The B.O.S. want everyone to have a say in what gets cut from their department/committee/commission.

5. Adjournment

P. Sawyer adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy McCavanagh

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