

**Board of Selectmen
Budget Committee**

SELECT BOARD MINUTES

March 5 2024

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Attending: Fred Ehrlenbach, John Bennett, Danielle Cole, Charles Farley, Jr., Daniel Monahan, Carol Walsh, Jessica Thurston, Chyann Murphy, Mike Zboray, Aaron Brown, Nancy Thurlow, Judy Sproule, Carol Perreault, Bruce Cameron, Martha Higgins, Cecilia Zavestoski, John Zavestoski, Michael Gilmartin, Brant Viner, Chantel Longo-Guess, Chip Roskom, Steve Heckman (Fire Chief)
- II. Visitors to be Heard - none
- III. Approval of Agenda: Additions to the Agenda; Big Cats Catering renewal of Liquor License; Parks & Rec representative question to the Board
- IV. Approval of Minutes February 20, 2023: It was Moved Monahan and Seconded Farley to approve as presented. Vote: 5 - 0
- V. Old Business
 - a. Fire Department: In lieu of the Budget Committee meeting following this meeting, the Chief opted to reserve report until next meeting
- VI. New Business
 - a. Sign STM Warrant: Ehrlenbach invited Supt. Zboray to explain the need for a STM relating to funds needed for Special Education. Zboray said that an additional student requires out of area services and estimated that the cost would well exceed the remaining school budget. There is \$23,372 that could be taken from the Special Ed Reserve budget line (SER) but up to an additional \$126,000 would be needed to cover the costs. Board members discussed the funding with \$23,372 from the SER and \$126,000 to come from unassigned funds. It was Moved and Seconded to hold a Special Town Meeting on the 19th of March at 7pm to vote on an increase in funds in the amount of \$149,372, for the school special education budget. 5 – 0 Ehrlenbach made the corrections to the warrant and it was signed by the Board members.
 - b. Planning Board zoom (Monahan) Monahan said he was approached by a resident who asked if the Planning Board public meeting on the 20th of March could be a zoom meeting. The Board agreed that the request should go to the Planning Board.
- VII. Approval of A/P & Payroll Warrant(s): It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Cole to approve and sign the A/P and Payroll Warrant. Vote: 5 - 0

- VIII. Other Business: Chip Roskom asked the Board's opinion of Parks & Rec Committee acting with the person who managed and trained the cheerleading group in order for them to obtain use of the Trenton School gym for practices with no cost. After some discussion the Board determined that it was not advisable for Parks & Rec to be involved since the person who made the request would be taking over and managing the activity independently.

Mike Gilmartin, speaking for the Solid Waste Committee said a few of the committee met with Lee Worcester of EMR, Inc. to discuss Lee's proposal to Southwest Harbor, Tremont and Trenton concerning a different recycle plan that would lump all OCC (Old Corrugated Cardboard) and recycle. After reviewing the proposed split out by Town, the Solid Waste Committee felt it would cost the Town more that is being paid now for current recycling, and recommended rejecting the proposal. It was Moved Bennett and Seconded Cole that the Town prepare a letter to EMR, Inc. rejecting the new proposal for recycling OCC and have the Chair or Administrator sign and send.
Vote: 5 - 0

- IX. Adjourn to Budget Committee Meeting: The Board adjourned to the Budget Committee meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Join zoom meeting:

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