

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING 8 PARK STREET

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at the Visitors Center first floor meeting room. The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Duval. Present from the Board of Selectmen were Chairman Duval, Vice Chair Hoyt, Members Blanchard, and Nowak. *Member Rosenberg was absent*. Also present were Town Administrator Green, Finance Director Wojcik, Administrative Assistant Dunlap and Brian Rhodes from iBerkshires.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 21, 2022 Meeting. It was explained that the minutes were not ready to go forward and would be reviewed for the next meeting.

FY2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

McCann School: Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District budget for the amount of \$948,049 as presented, second by Vice Chair Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed.

Hoosac Valley Regional School District: Motion made by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the Hoosac Valley Regional School District budget in the amount of \$5,637,361 which includes transportation, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed.

The budget was reviewed line by line for any questions to be addressed. *Vice Chair Hoyt* noted that in the past she had recused herself from the Inspectional Services Budget due to the fact that her spouse was on the Board of Health, and this year, for Fiscal Year 2023, her spouse is not on the budget so she is able to vote.

Finance and Technology: Finance Committee, Reserve Fund, Employee/Retiree Benefits, Accountant, Technology, Property & Liability Insurance. There were no questions on this section.

General Government: Town Assessor, Tax Collector / Treasurer, Debt Service, Town Clerk, Elections, Registrations, Codification. There were no questions on this section.

Executive: Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Counsel, Moderator, Town Report. There were no questions on this section.

Inspection Services: Inspection Services, Weights / Measures Inspector, Board of Health. Finance Director Wojcik advised that the change to this budget was that the Administrative Assistant was 100% DPW and is now split 50% DPW and 50% Inspection Services, reflecting a change in personnel allocation. She noted that the overall budget did not change. There were no questions on this section.

Public Buildings / Facilities: Registry of Deeds, Town Hall, Public Buildings, Community Center, Adams Memorial, Adams Visitors Center, Police Station. There were no questions on this section.

Public Safety: Emergency Management, Forest Warden, Police Department, Animal Control Officer, Parking Management. There were no questions on this section.

Public Services: Council on Aging, Veterans Services, Memorial Day Remembrances, Library. Finance Director Wojcik noted that the changes to the budget reflected clerical errors on staff steps that were incorrect and have been corrected. The total budget is now reflected at \$252,209. There were no questions on this section.

Community Development: Community Development, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission. Finance Director Wojcik advised that Personnel reallocation was one of the changes to reflect 100% staffing for Community Development from the previous 50% and also an addition of \$500 for staff overtime for meetings. It was noted that there is no budget for the Agricultural Commission as they do not meet. There were no questions on this section.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: There were no questions on this section.

Department of Public Works: Tree Warden, DPW Administration, Highways, Snow & Ice Control, Flood Control, DPW Garage / Equipment Maintenance, Transfer Station, Wastewater Collection, Cemeteries, Parks & Grounds, Celebrations — Seasonal. Finance Director Wojcik advised that the Maintenance Technician / Operator II position did not have the correct step previously, which was corrected. The DPW Garage was put in the incorrect account and the error was corrected to allocate correctly. Seasonal workers were listed as 7 staff, and have been corrected to reflect 5 staff. There were no questions on this section.

Motion made by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget of \$16, 986,973 as presented, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: There were no announcements made.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Board of Selectmen Member Blanchard to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting, second by Vice Chair Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah J. Dunlap, Recording Secretary

Joseph Nowak, Member

Christine Hoyt, Vice Chair

Richard Blanchard, Member

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