

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

December 20, 2022

Selectboard in Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Ronald Bocash, Brian Dubie and David Persons

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Cathy provided an overview of the 2022 budget status report and talked about accounting details. The SB requests that this information be clearly communicated to taxpayers. She summarized the draft 2023 budget with a 5.9% COLA increase for staff. The SB discussed the draft and how to stay on track with the Town's truck rotation schedule. The SB considered strategies to keep the overall increase to the budget low while also covering increased expenses due to inflation.

Brian made a motion to approve the budgeted expense to the voters in the amount of \$1,147,009 with an estimated increase of 5.3%, with consideration of potential changes due to final calculations. Gavin seconded. All in favor.

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, with percentages amendment. Gavin seconded. All in favor.

David made a motion to approve the payroll warrant. Brian seconded. All in favor.

The SB members requested Cathy invite the Treasurer to the January 9th meeting to discuss reporting and Treasurer-related tasks.

The SB requests that, at the beginning of the year, we:

- reach out to the engineer referred to us by Randy Reed.
- discuss a potential Town property lease/ purchase
- determine if/ how windmills are taxed.
- revisit the road discussion with Sheldon
- determine which insurance company to go with

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian seconded. All in favor.

These minutes exist in draft form until approved by the Select Board.