



**TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD**

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***Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, January 22, 2024***

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Steve Russo, Ed Perry, and Brian Rater, along with Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Finance Committee Members present: Graham Loff, Cindy Lacroix and Daniel Kroenig. Also present: Scott Leard, Eric Pauer, Jay Chrystal, Drew Kellner, Greg D'Arbonne.

6:02pm Eddie opened the public meeting, *and moved, seconded by Ed, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) personnel and (l) legal, potentially others; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.*

6:15pm Eddie resumed the public meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the ground rules for hybrid meetings.

Public Input

Brendan said the Primary Election is tomorrow, polls are open from 7:00am to 7:30pm at the Captain Samuel Douglas Academy at 24 Townsend Hill Road.

Approve Minutes

Brendan moved, seconded by Brian, to approve the public minutes from the Monday January 8th meeting as written; Voted Yes 2-0-1, Eddie abstained. Brendan moved, seconded by Steve, to approve the public minutes from the Saturday December 30th meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0. Brendan moved, seconded by Brian, to approve sets 4 and 10 of the non-public minutes from the Monday, December 26th meeting as amended; Voted Yes 5-0. Brendan moved, seconded by Brian, to approve 7 sets of non-public minutes from the Monday, January 8th meeting as written; Voted Yes 2-0-1, Eddie abstained.

Sign Warrants for Payment

Steve moved, seconded by Brian, to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #3 in the amount of \$268,576.69, and Payroll Warrant #4 in the amount of \$92,293.80; Voted Yes 5-0.

Appoint New Public Works Director

Eddie introduced Scott Leard who started today as Brookline's newest Director of Public Works who previously worked for the Town of Greenville, the City of Nashua, and before that the private sector. Scott said he is excited to be here and looks forward to the future.

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Appoint Welfare Director

Brendan moved, seconded by Steve, to appoint Bethany Beck as Welfare Officer until December 31, 2024; Voted Yes 5-0.

Notice to Appoint Recreation Member

Brendan moved, seconded by Ed, to give notice to appoint Kate Elkins as Recreation Commission Member at the next meeting; Voted Yes 5-0.

Filing Period for Elected Offices

The filing period for elected offices begins on January 24th and ends on February 4th.

Open seats are as follows:

Town Moderator	1 Seat – 3 Years
Selectboard Member	1 Seat – 3 Years
Town Treasurer	1 Seat – 1 Year
Board of Assessors	1 Seat – 3 Years
Finance Committee	1 Seat – 1 Year and 1 Seat – 3 Years
Library Trustee	1 Seat – 1 Year and 1 Seat – 3 Years
Cemetery Trustee	1 Seat – 3 Years
Town Trustee	1 Seat – 3 Years
Planning Board	1 Seat – 3 Years
Zoning Board	3 Seats – 3 Years
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 Seat – 6 Years

Jan – Dec 2023 Revenue

Eddie said the total revenue for 2023 was \$26,537,516.04.

6:30pm Eddie re-opened the recessed Budget Hearing from Thursday January 18th.
FinCom opened their meeting.

Total Proposed 2024 Budget from Night's 1 & 2	\$8,104,894
The Board discussed various ways to reduce the proposed 2024 budget. After much discussion, the decision to cut the following budget items was made:	
Economic Development:	\$800 Bench, \$525 Dog Waste Receptacle Station
Conservation Commission:	\$10,000 Milfoil Removal
Fire Department:	\$2,500 Consulting Fees
Public Works	\$20,000 Resurfacing
Building Department:	\$5,000 Equipment
Library	\$9,596 Health Ins
GGB Town Hall	\$1,000 Propane
GGB Library	\$1,000 Propane
GGB Safety Complex	\$3,500 Propane \$5,000 Electricity
GGB Public Works	\$500 Propane \$5,000 Maintenance & Improvements

Ed moved, seconded by Brian, to reduce the proposed Town Warrant budget by \$64,421 for a final total of \$8,040,473; Voted Yes 5-0.

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Warrant Articles

1. \$4,350,000 Cons Commission Bond Denault Property.

SB Voted No 2-3. FC Voted Yes 3-0.

2. \$1,200,000 Bond St Bridge Const Bond 80% Reimb from State.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 3-0.

3. Up to \$610k from Unassigned Fund Balance for Legal Obligation.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted No 0-3.

4. \$70,921 from Fire Truck from Capital Reserve for Fire Truck Payment.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Yes 3-0.

5. \$8,040,473 Town Warrant.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 2-1.

6. \$50k Deposit into Fire Truck Capital Reserve.

SB Voted No 2-3. FC Voted Yes 3-0.

7. 2 DPW Employees.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 2-1.

8. Assistant Town Administrator.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted No 0-1-2.

9. Fire Dept Admin Full Time

SB Voted Yes 3-2. FC Voted No 0-2-1.

10. Collective Bargaining Agreement

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 2-0-1.

11. Facilities Reserve Fund.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 3-0.

12. Celebration Fund

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 2-1.

13.Reappraisal Reserve Fund.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 3-0.

14. Commercial Tax Exemption.

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 2-1.

15. Elderly Tax Exemption

SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 3-0.

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16. Cemetery Right to Inter
SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC No Vote.

17. Melendy Pond Leases
SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC No Vote.

18. Ambulance Trust Fund (Donations)
SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 2-0-1.

19. Dissolve Radio Capital Reserve Fund.
SB Voted Yes 5-0. FC Voted Yes 3-0.

20. SB2 Voting
SB Voted No 0-5.

21. Budget Committee
SB Voted No 0-5. FC Voted No 0-1-2.

22. Budget Committee Membership
SB Voted No 0-5. FC No Vote

23. Partisan Ballot
SB Voted No 0-5

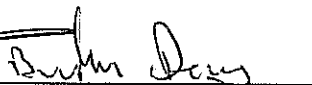
24. Tax Cap
SB Voted No 0-5. FC No 0-2-1.

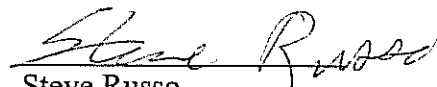
25. Tax Impact Notation
SB Voted Yes 3-2.

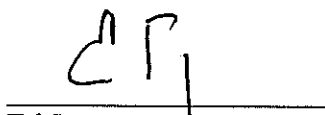
9:27pm Close Budget Hearing.

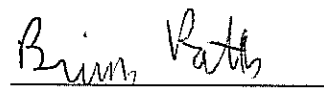
Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.


Eddie Arnold


Brendan Denehy


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