



**TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD**

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***Minutes
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Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Steve Russo, Ed Perry, and Brian Rater along with Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Also present: FinCom Members. Cindy Lacroix, Graham Loff, Daniel Koenig, Michele Schlag, Arefe Koushki, Jen Morrissey, Rebecca Purdin, Joella Travis, Michele Decoteau, Steve Sacherski.

6:30pm **Eddie** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the ground rules for hybrid meetings. FinCom meeting called to order: Graham Loff and Daniel Koenig. ***Eddie moved, seconded by Ed, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) personnel; Roll Call Vote Yes.***

6:45pm ***Eddie moved, seconded by Brendan, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote 5-0.*** Resume public meeting already in session.

Library Savings for Legal - \$26,500.

Library Budget Cindy Lacroix proposed \$424,644 Increased 16.2%

Reduce Library Equipment by 5k transfer to Town IT budget under Financial Admin.
Discussed scope of things that need to be done to the Library Building.

7:34pm *Library Trustees meeting adjourned; Voted Yes 3-0.*

Conservation Commission Savings for Legal - \$20k.

Conservation Commission Brendan Denehy proposed \$44,500 Level Funded

Warrant Article CC P&S Agreement for 50% ownership of estimated 250 Acres of land in the northwest quadrant owned by the Denaults, \$2,175k.

Assessors/Revaluation – Bret Hall Proposed \$40,422.

WA Elderly Exemption Adjustment to Single and Married.

WA Commercial Construction Exemption Adjustment.

WA 5 Year Valuation Amortization \$20k for years 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 and budget the balance in the 5th year if needed.

Planning & Zoning - Michele Decoteau Proposed \$116,701

Balance of Grant money \$23,700 will be spent next year on the Masterplan. Michele explained expenses passed on to the builder/resident. Will need outside consultant for adjustment to impact fees. WA Ordinance Changes and Housekeeping.

Economic Development Savings for Legal \$4,300.

Economic Development Michele Decoteau Proposed \$3,325 Decrease.

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Building Inspection 2k Savings for Legal

Building Inspection Steve Sacherski Proposed \$70,846 Decreased 8.94%
Admin Assistant is at 10 hours a week in the BI, will add more hours next year.

Financial Admin Scott Butcher/Patti Barnett Proposed \$256,262 6.36% increase.

NHRS/FICA Savings for Legal 16k

Personnel Administration Scott Butcher Proposed \$801,094 Level

Executive Scott Butcher Proposed \$340,590 9.7% increase.

General Government Buildings - Defer to next meeting.

Fire Department Change in Fire Truck Payment and WA for Administrative Assistant going full time. Discuss at next meeting.

Police Department increased savings for Legal to \$70k

Chief Quigley stressed in an email that these monies do not come without great effort.

9:16pm End budget discussions.

Savings Against Budget

2023 \$197,600 Savings - \$167k Budget Deficit = \$30,600.

Set Tax Rate

Current \$29.72/per thousand, New \$20.83 per thousand to be finalized by DRA.

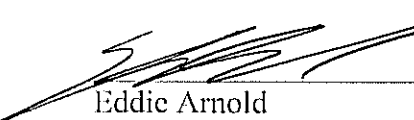
Correct 2022 Town Meeting Item Missed

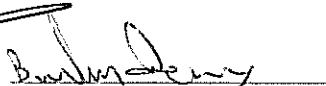
Brian moved, seconded by Brendan, to take \$62,500 from the unassigned fund balance to correct an item missed on page 88 in 2022 Town Report; Voted Yes 5-0. FinCom agreed 3-0.

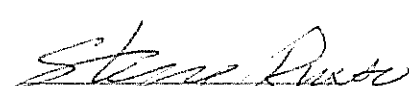
9:48pm ***Finance Committee adjourned.***


9:48pm ***Selectboard adjourned.***

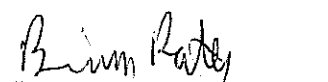
Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.


Eddie Arnold


Brendan Denchy


Steve Russo


Ed Perry


Brian Rater