

Board of Selectmen

March 5, 2019
Regular Session 7:00pm

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Ms. Mary Power, Ms. Karen Johnson, Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator, Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the minutes dated February 26, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public Comment

None.

Vote on FY20 Budgets

Mr. Mayo provided a Forecast Update with assistance from Ms. Nickerson (Town Accountant).

Mr. Mayo walked through the forecast changes which included:

Forecast revenue increases:

Local Receipts (investment income): \$74,030

Article H – Meals Tax stabilization: \$125,000

Expense changes – New School Department budget submitted.

Decrease in Group Insurance Budget per GIC rates notification: \$151,060.

Capital Outlay recommendation: -\$7,751.

Total deficit total = -\$726,640.

Town Administrator approved total cuts which totaled \$214,192.

The Board addressed the School Committee: Michelle Ayer, Liza O'Reilly, John Ferris and Dr. Galo who were seated in the audience regarding the school budget. There were questions and comments from the Board.

Votes:

Non-school Budget

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend the total FY20 Non-school budget in the amount of \$54,937,983. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

School Department Budget

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend the Education budget in the amount of \$54,319,826. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Capital Outlay Budget

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend the Capital Outlay budget in the amount of \$2,274,535. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Votes:

MBTA "Better Bus Project" Discussion.

Ms. Monsegur provided an overview of the proposed MBTA Route 220 bus changes. There were questions and comments from the Board. It was determined that a letter be generated and sent on

behalf of the Town to State representatives expressing the Board's concerns with the elimination of the Hingham Loop.

Appointments

No appointments

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ms. Monsegur – Nothing for this evening.

Mr. Mayo – Yesterday, there was a heavy unexpected (snow) storm that brought 14" of very heavy snow. The DPW did a great job keeping the streets, downtown area and town cleared. Thanked Mike Mullen and the DPW crew for their hard work.

Ms. Johnson – Nothing for this evening.

Ms. Power – The first Public Information Meeting on the proposed purchase of the water company will take place on Saturday March 9, from 1:00 - 3:00pm in the Sanborn Auditorium, which is located in Hingham Town Hall. Following a brief presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Mr. Healey – Nothing for this evening.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on March 12, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:13pm

Approved March 12, 2019

Sally Sinclair

Documents: A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.

