

**Final Minutes**  
**Town of Brookline Special Budget Selectboard Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**Present:**

**Selectboard (SB):**

Dorothy Maggio (DM) (Chair)  
Stanley Noga (SN) (Vice-Chair)  
Bruce Mello (BM)  
Paul Madalinski (PM)  
Somara Zwick (SZ)

**Town Officers:**

Guy Tanza (GT) (Town Clerk) (Zoom)  
Vanessa Ballou (VB) (Recording Clerk)

**Public:**

FactTV online  
Michael DeSocio (MD)  
Dan Towler (DT)

**1. Dorothy Maggio called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.**

**2. Any Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Members of the Public**

A. Scheduled members on requested topic

None.

B. Unscheduled members on agenda items only

None.

**4. Unfinished Business**

A. Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

During their review of the latest version of the budget, the SB discussed questions, verified budget numbers, and provided budgets for missing items. As indicated in the agenda, the SB reviewed the following components of the budget and Town Report: 1) municipal budget, 2) highway budget, 3) appropriations, 4) articles to be warned, 5) Town Report, and 6) any other unfinished business related to Town Meeting/Town Report. SZ confirmed with DM that the SB would vote on the amount of taxes that needed to be raised with the understanding that the budget numbers won't be final until the auditors have completed their work.

DM made a motion to approve the \$327,418 highway budget, the \$201,299 general fund/Town operations with \$146,834 to be raised from tax revenue plus \$54,465 to be raised from non-tax revenue sources; seconded by SN; motion approved unanimously. Following this vote, the SB decided to vote on the general budget/Town operations and highway budget separately. SN made a motion to amend the motion just made that combined both articles into one for clarity purposes; BM seconded; motion approved unanimously.

**Amended Vote: General Budget/Town Operations**

SZ made a motion to approve \$201,299 for the general budget of which \$146,834 will be raised by taxes plus \$54,465 from non-tax revenue; seconded by BM; motion passed as amended unanimously.

**Amended Vote: Highway Budget**

SZ made a motion to approve \$327,418 for the highway budget of which \$271,318 will be raised by taxes plus \$56,100 from non-tax revenue; seconded by SN; motion approved unanimously.

**Vote on Appropriations (Article 7)**

BM made a motion to include the 3 articles for appropriations that were \$1,000 or more with the remainder of the appropriations in article 7: \$1,000 for Dartmouth Visiting Nurses, \$1,100 for Moore Free Library, and \$1,590 for SeVEDS ; seconded by PM. The benefits and disadvantages were discussed, including that this motion reversed a previous decision to break out appropriations of \$1,000 or more. DM called for a vote to include the articles for Dartmouth Visiting Nurses, Moore Free Library, and SeVEDS in Article 7;; . Motion approved unanimously. The Article 7 will have a total appropriation request to be raised by taxes in the amount of \$9,746.

**Vote on Articles to Be Warned**

DM made a motion to approve the warning for the 2024 Brookline Town Meeting including the 13 articles as reviewed; SZ seconded. DM listed the articles that had been reviewed during the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Salt and Sand Shed Grant final termination costs owed to VTRANS  
\$10,617.44 - paid in installments or one lump sum

The Town received an email providing the State of Vermont's final decision as to what the Town owes for the work done on the shed. SZ stated that this amount has been budgeted and the Town can pay it as a lump sum. Further discussion will be included in the February 7, 2024 agenda.

**5. New Business**

- A. Any other topic as requested by a selectboard member that does not require a vote.  
None.

**6. Communications**

- A. Chris Hunt of VTRANS re: Management costs owed for the terminated Salt Sand Shed Grant.  
Discussed above.

**7. Adjourn the Meeting**

DM moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was **adjourned at 3:42 PM**.

Respectfully submitted, Vanessa Ballou, Recording Clerk