

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Board of Selectmen Minutes of February 2, 2023
Budget Review Meeting, Municipal Building, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Barry Connell, Vice Chair; Herbert Tellor, Jr.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Keith Sayer, James Burroughs

STAFF PRESENT: Hunter F. Rieseberg, Town Manager; Paul Brown, Finance Director; PJ Lovely, Recreation Director

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: None

NCTV: NCTV

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kessler called the meeting of the BOS to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance (For full meeting go to: www.nctv-nh.org)

Manager Rieseberg gave an overview of the budget.

Finance Director Brown explained the default budget.

Manager Rieseberg explained the impact and treatment of the recent Pay Study which has not been completed, but which has an allowance in the proposed budget.

Finance Director explained the budget items which effect all detailed budgets, health insurance, 11.1%, property/liability insurance 10%, and various minor rate reductions for NH Retirement.

The following detailed budgets were reviewed in detail with questions and answers:

4130 Executive

4140 Election

4150 Finance

PJ Lovely explained the happenings in the Rec Department and the upcoming Winter Carnival.

Detailed budget review continued with the following:

4720 Recreation

4152 Property Revaluation

4153 Legal

Selectman Connell requested \$1,200 be added to the budget for the Conservation Commission for annual operating expenditures of the Commission. There was also discussion about funding of a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), in the amount of approximately \$15,000-20,000. There was general discussion about the Commission's activities. There was discussion of funding the NRI out of current Town appropriations. **A motion by Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectman Tellor to add \$1,200 to the budget passed 3-0-0.** After discussion, the NRI will be funded from the current budget.

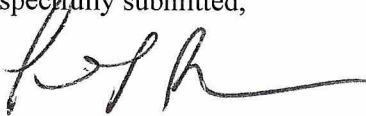
Detailed budget review continued with the following:

4191 TOPAZ

4196 Insurance Deductible
4197 Advertising/Regional Assns
4199 Other General Government
4240 Building Inspection
4511 Health Administration
4515 Health Agencies
4641 Welfare Administration
4642 Welfare Direct Assistance
4651 Economic Development
4873 Patriotic Purposes
5211 LTD Principal
5212 LTD Interest
5223 Tax Anticipation Interest
5290 Lease Payments

There being no further business, Selectman Connell made a motion *to adjourn at 8:10 pm.* It was seconded by Selectman Tellor. *The motion passed 3-0-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Brown, Scribe