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BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
Friday March 8, 2024 (Continuation from March 5, 2024 Meeting
Comstock Room 31 & Via Zoom

PRESENT: First Selectman Toni Boucher, Joshua Cole, Kimberley Healy, Basam Nabulsi, Ross Tartell

GUESTS: CFO Dawn Norton, Town Administrator Matt Knickerbocker

A. Discussion of FY2025 Proposed Department Budgets

1. Board will continue Discussion on Possible Approval of the FY2025 BOS Budget
Ms. Boucher reconvened the meeting from March 5, 2024 for the Discussion on Possible Approval of the FY2025 BOS Budget. On March 5, the board discussed a possible 4.5% increase on the BoS FY2025 Budget request. Ms. Boucher noted that movement of \$150,000 from the Blighted Fund to cover the cost Building Renovations, \$50,000 from the Parks & Recreation Dept give back, medical insurance reduction of \$97,000 and elimination of \$20,000 from Trackage brought the BOS Operating Capital Expense to \$34,632,148 which represents a 3.65% increase, BOS Operating Capital of \$1,244,353 which represents a 17.3%, brings the total FY2025 budget request to \$35,876,601 which represents a combined increase of 4.07% increase which brings us close to the 4% guidance recommended by the Board of Finance. She also noted Revenues of \$4,956,443 and an Educational Cost Sharing Grant of \$462,091. Ms. Boucher asked for a motion to move the amounts for the BoS FY2025 Budget requests. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Tartell. The BoS began discussion. All board members discussed. After further review and discussions a 4.07% increase was agreed upon. Mr. Cole noted motion should be made on the movement of the Blight Fund before moving forward with the motion on the FY2025 budget. After discussion, motion moved by Mr. Cole to allocate a portion of the Blight Fund that was previously approved by the BOS in the amount of \$150,000 to be applied against the General Fund Operating Capital Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Previous motion on the FY2025 Budget was rescinded by Ms. Healy. Mr. Tartell concurred. Ms. Boucher made a motion to approve a proposed BOS FY2025 budget with a proposed Operating Capital Expense of \$34,632,148 representing a 3.65% increase, BOS Operating Capital of \$1,244,353 representing a 17.3%, with a total Operating Capital Expense and Operating Capital FY2025 budget of \$35,876,601 which represents a 4.07% increase plus Revenues of \$4,956,443 and an Educational Cost Sharing Grant of \$462,091. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell. After further discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Boucher recognized all participants for all their hard work in putting this budget together.

Ms. Boucher asked for a consensus from the board to pass on to the Board of Finance the recommendation for Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief of a flat budget of exactly what was requested in FY2024 of \$1.1million for FY2025 for the allocation of the Mil Rate to the BOF. All members reached consensus.

Mr. Cole echoed Ms. Boucher's comments in recognizing all the hard work by all participants in the budget process.

Ms. Healy made a statement in regard to the ongoing status of WVAC in their quest for upgrading their headquarters.

B. Public Comment
None

C. Adjournment
Having no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Ms. Healy at 4:20pm, seconded by Ms. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
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