

Special Strafford Selectboard Meeting Agenda  
January 29, 2020, 6pm at Town Office

Members present: Toni Pippy, Kate Siepmann, Pat Kelly, Brian Johnson, Lauri Berkenkamp (by phone)

Others present; Nellie Pennington, Lisa Bragg

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. 2019 Budget to Actual  
Town ended up 2019 with an unrestricted surplus in the general fund of \$51,622 and in the highway fund of \$3,050.
2. 2020 Budget  
Based on estimates, the town tax rate will increase approximately 2.0 percent, primarily due to increased highway costs. The board moved, seconded, and voted to approve that town raise \$1,078,787 in taxes to cover the 2020 budget.
3. Review and Sign Warning for Town Meeting.  
The board moved, seconded, and voted to approve the warning for Town Meeting
4. Positions to fill for 2020.  
While there are several town vacancies, they key vacancies are two selectboard positions and town moderator. The board requests that anyone interested in becoming Town Meeting Moderator, please come forward as soon as possible. We need you!
5. Selectboard Report – budget comments  
Board moved, seconded, and voted to accept the Town Report as written.
6. Other - Ashley Community Forest Project Toni is collecting observations and comments in preparation for a meeting with the Sharon and Strafford chairs and the town attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Berkenkamp  
Recording Clerk