

Selectboard Special Meeting
January 17, 2024
Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Hwy, Strafford, 05072

Selectboard participants- John Freitag, Brian Johnson, Hannah Levinger, David Paganelli, Jeff Solsaa

In person participants- Lisa Bragg, Martha Walke

1. Call to order at 6pm. Reading of Selectboard guidelines.

2. Budget

Offer of employment for Stephanie Slayton, town grant manager, passed with all in favor. Proposed increase of \$300,000 to paving budget to cover total cost of \$400,000 Brook Road reconstruction to Kibbling Hill Road. Proposed decrease of \$100,000 in the bridge line item to a total of \$200,000. It was felt that we will need at least \$600,000 a year in the budget for bridge and paving projects in order to address a backlog of needs. How this total amount is to be allocated between paving and bridges will depend on the projects to be done each year. All in favor.

Proposed that "Selectmen" on page 3 of the budget be changed to "selectboard" every time it is mentioned. All in favor.

Proposed increase to selectboard member salaries from \$750/year to \$1500/year and increase auditor salaries from \$400/year to \$800/year. Increased salaries proposed in proportion to the increased investment needed in these positions. All in favor.

Proposed increase in salary for Development Board Review and Zoning position in proportion to the expertise and skill needed to enact the updated Unified By-Laws. John, Jeff, Hannah, and David in favor, Brian against. Increase passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Levinger