

BOARD OF FINANCE – TOWN OF HARWINTON
REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Thierry
Bob Barry
John Fredsall
Tim Bobroske
Sandy Davis
Charles Casella

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Mike Criss, First Selectman
Justin Downes, Highway Supervisor
Paul Honig, Selectman
Jeff Neumann, Building Official



Chairman Thierry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2024

A motion was made by Mr. Bobroske, seconded by Mr. Fredsall, to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Fredsall- Yes, Mr. Barry- Yes, Mr. Bobroske- Yes, Ms. Davis- Abstain, Mr. Casella- Abstain. Motion passes.

2024-2025 BUDGET

Discussion ensued with Justin Downes, Highway Supervisor regarding staffing levels. The Board decided to fund one additional full-time Public Works position.

A motion was made by Mr. Casella, seconded by Mr. Fredsall to approve line 4020 for \$1,946,198. All in favor.

Mike Criss and Justin Downes will investigate a possible incentive plan for Public Works employees to become firefighters.

A motion was made by Mr. Fredsall, seconded by Mr. Bobroske to approve line 4030 for \$93,000. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Fredsall, seconded by Mr. Casella to approve line 4080 for \$62,461. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Barry to allow Justin Downes to expend up to \$8,000 from line 4080 in the 2023-2024 budget to install a handicap ramp near the snack shack at the athletic fields. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Fredsall, seconded by Mr. Bobroske, to approve line 9085 for \$350,000. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Barry to approve line 1046 for \$30,000. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Fredsall to approve line 1088 for \$695,114. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Casella, seconded by Mr. Barry to approve line 1094 for \$176,329. All in favor.

A discussion ensued this Jeff Neumann, Building Official about the possibility of a part time clerk for Building Dept, Land Use and Highway Dept. Idea to be explored by Board of Selectmen.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Davis to go to public hearing with a Selectmen's budget of \$7,246,090. All in favor.

Board of Finance April 4th meeting will be cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SUPPLEMENTALS

None

INVOICES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Casella to add an Executive Session to the agenda. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Fredsall, to go into Executive Session for pending litigation at 8:25pm. All in favor

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Fredsall, to exit Executive Session. At 8:41pm. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Bobroske, seconded by Mr. Fredsall to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. All in favor

Respectfully submitted.

Peter B. Thierry