

Special Strafford Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 6:00 pm at Town Office
227 Justin Morrill Hwy, Strafford, 05072

Members participating: Toni Pippy, Jeff Solsaa, Brian Johnson, Mary Linehan, David Paganelli

Other participants in person: Lisa Bragg

Via zoom: Rett Emerson, Susan Cloke

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. 2023 draft budget review. Chair provided 3 documents, including a 2022 budget to actual, the draft 2023 Town Budget and the draft 2023 Highway Dept Equipment budget. Discussion re on-going payments for existing equipment and projections for out-year costs. Chair described the process used to populate the draft 2023 budget, including anticipated revenue and allocation of funds for document scanning for Town Office. Balance forward from 2022 budget not yet determined. Chair walked through the budget expenditures line by line. Need to follow up with EMD for any proposed costs for emergency shelter, based on recent experience. Discussion re budgeting for Road Crew staffing needs, increased line item for contract services for tree removal and road maintenance support, streamlining budget line items for ease of tracking. Increased gravel and sand line items to address maintenance backlog on gravel roads. Need to research mowing costs for municipal properties; vehicle maintenance costs before finalizing. Need to follow up on One Planet request for funds; need a petition for a ballot warning for new budget line item.

2. Other

Strafford Community Nurse. Mary will respond to the funding request and suggest alternative sources, as ARPA funds are still not available for allocation.

Nellie will be in the Town Office in the coming weeks to start audit and close-out 2022 budget, and to prepare Town Report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Linehan
Recording Clerk