

# MINUTES

**Board of Selectmen's**

**Special Meeting**

**May 17, 2021**

**4:00 PM - Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen's Special Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Arnie Jensen and Selectman Heather Haney

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa, Finance Director, Jim Hliva, and Town Clerk Margaret West Mainor.

This Special Meeting was called to ratify the 2021 – 2022 Town Municipal Operating Budget, the Board of Education Budget, and the Road Capital and Non- Recurring Budget. Also, to set the location, date, and time of the budget referendum.

**MOTION** was made by Selectman Arnold Jensen to ratify FY 2021 – 2022 Town Municipal Operating Budget and adjourned to Town Meeting by referendum to be held at Quaker Farms School, Thursday June 3, 2021 between the hours of 6 am and 8 pm . This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple asked if anyone heard anything from the public regarding the budget. Finance Director Jim Hliva "said he received two comments from the public, both related to bundled billing for the paramedic services with the ambulance. Both requested that bundle billing be reinstated", First Selectman Temple, " said that we do not have the authority to do that. He also stated that he discussed the bundled billing with Dr. Browne from Griffin Hospital and will ask Griffin Hospital if they can share some of the expense with the Town". Finance Director, Jim Hliva, stated that at the last BOF meeting, when they read the comments

about the bundled billing, Chairman Kiley said that the Board of Finance put the money in the contingency account so that after July 1, they can make the transfer. First, Selectman Temple asked if Selectman Heather Haney understood bundle billing. Selectman Haney said, " she is aware, and it is essential to our Seniors.

First, Selectman Temple asked Selectman Jensen and Selectman Haney if they heard anything from the public, and they both said they did not.

First Selectman Temple said, " I heard just basically that we all did a good job. That the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectman did a good job keeping the spending down, but no one had any specifics."

**MOTION** was made by Selectman Arnold Jensen to ratify FY 2021 – 2022 Board of Education Operating Budget and adjourned to Town Meeting by referendum to be held at Quaker Farms School between the hours of 6 am and 8 pm on Thursday, June 3, 2021. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**Discussion:** First Temple said that he had not heard anything from the public regarding the Board of Education Budget, Selectman Haney and Selectman Jensen, and Finance Director Jim Hliva agreed. First, Selectman Temple stated, " that it was a tough year for them, but he stated that we had spent a lot of money on education the past few years, and he thinks the budget is very fair." All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**MOTION** was made by Selectman Arnold Jensen to ratify FY 2021 – 2022 Roads Capital and Non-Recurring Budget and adjourned to Town Meeting by referendum to be held at Quaker Farms School between the hours of 6 am and 8 pm on Thursday, June 3, 2021. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. Motion carries—all 3 Ayes.

**Discussion:** First Selectman Temple stated that you normally never hear complaints about money for the roads. We also have to consider that we will be doing Hawley Road this year. I would also like to repave Great Oak Road, as it has not been done in a long time. We will also be replacing the fence in front of Public Works, as that fence is in bad shape. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

First Selectman Temple said that the last item on the agenda is to set the budget location, but we have pretty well done that, so is there a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Selectman Arnold Jensen to adjourn the special meeting at 4:15 pm. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. Motion carries—all 3 Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Kristyn Rosa

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*Margaret A. West*  
TOWN CLERK