

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
Board of Selectmen
October 16, 2023, 8:00 A.M.
New Durham Community Room, New Durham, NH 03855

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Select Board Chair
Dorothy Veisel, Vice Chair Select Board
Marc DeCoff, Select Board Member

ALSO PRESENT

Cecile Chase, Interim Town Administrator
Will Cardinal, Road Agent
Peter Varney, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

FY 2024 Budget Review

The Board reviewed information presented in response to questions from the last meeting.

Account 4191- Planning Board

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget.

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget for Account 4191 Planning Board in the amount of \$8,532. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Account 4312 – DPW Highway

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget.

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget for Account 4312 in the amount of \$1,107,965. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Interim Town Administrator Chase joined the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Account 4324 – Solid Waste Facility

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget.

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget for Account 4324 in the amount of \$411,747. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Selectman Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Account 4520 – Parks and Recreation

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget.

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget for Account 4520 Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$90,327. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Account 4589 – Boodey Farmstead Portion

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget. Chair Swenson stated there was an additional \$200 request for which the Board did not have the information at the last meeting.

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget for Account 4589 Boodey Farmstead in the amount of \$11,271. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Account – Fire Department

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget. Fire Chief Varney explained the details of the line items requested.

Account 4150 – Finance

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget. It was noted the overall reduction of this budget was \$27,000.

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget for Account 4150 in the amount of \$188,019. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Account 4152 - Assessing

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget.

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget for Account 4152 in the amount of \$99,010. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Capital Improvement Planning Committee report. Mr. Drummey gave a summary of the rankings and recommendations; he explained definitions were added to the Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds. Mr. Drummey outlined the requests presented by the Town departments to CIP; a total of 28 CRF accounts are requesting a total of \$2,705,000. At the end of the review process the CIP recommended \$2,600,000. The Board agreed to table further discussion until the next meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed current CRF fund balances as well as the recommendations for funding from CIP. Mr. Drummey explained the request from the DPW Highway Department for dump truck replacement(s). The Board discussed the costs. Vice Chair Veisel suggested reviewing maintenance records and costs to determine if its cost effective to replace. Selectman DeCoff suggested looking for used vehicles to save money.

The Board discussed funding the Municipal Land Acquisition account in the amount of \$200,000 as there is potential interest for purchasing land on Main Street.

Revenue

The Board reviewed and discussed the year-to-date revenues for FY 2023.

MOTION: To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RS 91:A-3II, (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on the inability to pay or poverty of the applicant; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community; (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Veisel - aye; Selectman DeCoff-aye; Chair Swenson-aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board left public session at 11:05 a.m.

The Board reentered public session at 12:31 p.m.

MOTION: To seal the minutes of the non-public session of the October 16, 2023 meeting for reasons it may adversely affect the reputation of one other than the Board. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Motion passed 3-0-0.

MOTION: To adjourn. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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137 Respectfully Submitted,

138 *Jennifer Riel*

139 Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary