

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Theresa A. Kyle
Harold F. Eaton
Srinivasa "Ravi" Ravikumar
William M. Manzi, III

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 3:30PM.

700 HEALTH CARE BUDGET

Mr. Manzi said this budget increased to \$4,110,653 in line 210 which would then give a bottom-line budget for the 700 account of \$4,784,573. The selectmen's new bottom-line budget is now \$31,521,401 for the overall budget.

There was discussion on the default budget and the numbers that were utilized from 2023. The increase in healthcare also increased the default budget.

MOTION: Ravi To approve the overall
Second: Harold F. Eaton budget of \$31,521,401 &
Unanimous the default budget of
\$31,121,383.

MOTION: Ravi To approve the new
Second: Harold F. Eaton healthcare budget of
Unanimous \$4,110,653 in line 210
bringing bottom-line to
\$4,784,573.

WARRANT ARTICLES - PLANNING BOARD

The planning board is requesting to take \$53,500 from the fund balance for the master plan. Mr. Manzi said there is about \$3.7M remaining in the fund balance. There was discussion on the minimum recommendation for fund balance. Mr. Manzi said he would be more comfortable with \$5-6M.

Mrs. Kyle asked if this tax rate had been set as they usually use fund balance to offset it. Mr. Manzi said it has been approved and increased to \$15.09. He said there will be an approval and signature required by the board. There are a couple technical difficulties, but they will get it printed and notify the board when it is ready.

Mr. Eaton commented there was an abatement finalized this year affecting the tax rate. He said he is not interested in using any money from the fund balance to offset the tax rate.

MOTION: Ravi To approve the article

with utilizing the fund balance.

Ravi explained last year the chapters that were approved with the use of fund balance but that the planning board applied for a grant that they did receive and didn't need to use as much from the fund balance. This amount would finish the remaining chapters of the master plan. The master plan is past due as the last time it was updated was in 2011.

Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

Mr. Manzi said he is going to have an article for a billboard that isn't quite finished. He will forward it to the board once complete.

There was discussion on the article from code enforcement on the business license fees. Mr. Manzi believes the board has the authority to increase the fees without the approval of town meeting. He explained they would need to be able to show the amount charged is quantified as they cannot earn money in the state of NH. There was discussion on the increase of the fireworks business licenses.

Ravi commented he liked the candidate for the assessing position. Mrs. Kyle said she was not impressed with him as he did not address any questions she asked and only spoke to the men. Mr. Eaton commented he likes that he goes out in the field to do his own field work. There was discussion on the previous assessor who did not go out in the field and used Vision for the field work. If hired there would be a 6-month probationary period that can be extended. There was a discussion on the reference of the candidate from the Georgetown assessor.

MOTION: Ravi To adjourn the meeting
Second: Theresa A. Kyle at 4:30PM.
Unanimous

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Srinivasan Ravikumar,
Clerk

Date: _____