

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 December 13, 2023

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Paul Lamberson, Joy
4 Dubin Grossman, Anna Main, Derek Nelson, Rachel Sellers, Karen Trongsgard-Scott, Rocky Martin.

5 Attending remotely; Todd Odit, Enrique Peredo, Kate Kelly, Margaret McNurlan, Carl Bohlen, Dale
6 Wernhoff, Roberta MacDonald.

7 Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. via zoom.

8 Agenda Additions and Deletions

9 none

10 Public Comment

11 None

12 Approve Minutes of 12/16

13 Will be held till the next meeting.

14 Selectboard Forum

15 Maggie noted they had the first budget Q&A session. Two people showed up. Dennis said the questions
16 centered on public safety.

17 FY 25 Budget Meeting with Committees

- 18 • Affordable Housing – Carl reviewed the budget request. Of the \$5,500 requested, \$5,000 is to
19 support housing projects. Maggie asked if they had any specific projects. Carl said money was
20 used from the Town's Revolving Loan Fund for Cathedral Square/Kelley's Field. They would like
21 to build up funds for the Windy Ridge project and potential for Green Mountain Habitat for
22 Humanity. Paul noted the need for affordability for current tax payers while providing affordable
23 housing.
- 24 • Conservation Commission – Kate reviewed the budget request. The general Conservation
25 budget has a minimal increase. They are requesting an increase to \$30,000 for the Land
26 Preservation fund. Dennis asked how many acres of land is conserved. Kate said she is not sure
27 but it can be looked up. Dennis followed up by asking when we decide we have enough. Kate
28 referred to Act 59 objective of 30% land conserved by 2020 and 50% by 2050. Paul said the
29 challenge is affordability. He has donated to the Land Trust before and asked if that is an avenue
30 for the funds to pass on to the Conservation Commission. Kate said Land Trust funds come from
31 the CC.
- 32 Kate talked about the Lewis Creek Association, which is a non-profit organization. They are
33 requesting \$2,110 from Hinesburg.
- 34 • Hinesburg Community Resource Center – Anna reviewed the budget request. The request from
35 the Town is level funded for FY 25.

- DEIB – Karen and Rachel noted as this is a new Committee this is the first request for funding. They are requesting \$1,500. \$500 for an operating budget and \$1,500 for training. They would like to establish a line item in future budgets for training.

Selectboard Review of Draft Budgets

The Board discussed possible savings in health insurance and agreed the employee contribution should be level from both union and non-union employees at 15%.

Todd reviewed areas that were level funded or reduced from the higher request.

Todd suggested in regards to funding Land Preservation and Affordable Housing that the Board look at the funds at the end of the fiscal year to see if they want to contribute to those.

Consider Donation to Front Porch Forum

It was noted that FPF is a for profit organization and for various reasons agreed not to donate.

Joy said the staging is up on the North side of Town Hall and work is starting.

Joy referred to her postings on FPF letting people know if they want a hard copy of the Town Report, they should let her know. This is just so she has an idea of the number needed, if you requested one it will be available for you to pick up – it will not be mailed to you.

Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board