

Budget Committee Minutes

February 21st, 2024

Meeting started at 7:12PM

Present at the meeting was Dave White, Elaine Hartford, Theresa Hartford, Robert Travers, Deborah Wilson, and Jeri Basko. Present for the selectman was Paul Philbrick, Micheal Walsworth, and Chip Harlow.

- Meeting started with a comment about the library by Deborah Wilson about the library and none of it had to do with the librarian. With all the emails and letters, we have received. We never said she wasn't doing an amazing job, and we appreciate everything she does.
- Then Michael Walsworth talked about any town personnel involved issues must be in executive session without the camera on. He said we can be sued due to defamation. Then Theresa Hartford asked if we were being accused of defaming the Librarian? Then we talked about how we were being accused of defaming the Librarian. Then we talked about we never did that.
- Robert Travers made a motion to add reviewing the minutes to the agenda. Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 1
- Then we reviewed the minutes from February 7th, 2024. Theresa Hartford made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes and Robert Travers seconded it. Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 1

Fire Budget

- Elaine Hartford makes a motion to take the whole fire budget and add 10% to every line item so the budget will go up a total of 10% to \$958,239.70. It was seconded by Theresa Hartford. Yes 3 No 3 Abstain 0 The motion Failed
- Robert Travers made a motion to postpone the previous motion until after the presentation and seconded by Deborah Wilson. Yes 3 No 3 Abstain 0 The motion Failed
- Then we listen to the Fire chief's presentation. Then we made a motion to table this budget until next week for further discussion was seconded by Robert Travers. Yes 5 No 1 Abstain 0

Motion to adjourn made by Elaine Hartford and seconded by Theresa Hartford Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

Meeting ended at 9:12PM