



Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Rindge Town Office

Date: December 30th, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Karl Pruter, Vicechair Bob Hamilton, Select Board Member Tom Coneys, Town Administrator Lori Rautiola, Finance Director Laurie May, and members of the public.

The meeting opened at 12:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Karl.

New Business:

Year-End Encumbrances (Expenditure): Laurie stated that Rachel proposed to the board at a recent meeting to purchase AR Rifles encumbered out of this year's budget into next year. The quote for AR Rifles for the Police Department was signed.

Year-End Budget Transfers by Function: The budget transfer of public safety to the general government is for the Cleaning of the Police Department as it was moved incorrectly. Move funds from the Highway budget to Solid Waste so the Solid Waste budget is balanced.

Year-End Carry Overs (Revenue): Police Department donations and Highway Block Grant for curbing by the common.

There was a discussion about the welfare budget. Laurie May stated any budget that has funds would cover the welfare budget. Laurie May stated that the total left in the 2024 budget is about \$200,000. Lori stated she updated the ARPA spreadsheet and the remaining balance that will be returned to the state is \$3,632. The Fire Department is requesting to replace the laptop in the command truck. No decision was made as a quote was not provided.

There was a discussion about the legal budget and having the attorney on a retainer for \$50,000 for 2025 using the remaining balance from 2024. Lori stated she would call and follow up with an email if she could not reach them. Bob motioned to encumber \$50,000 for the anticipated ZBA court case to be added to the legal budget, pending receiving the retainer. Karl seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Stenersen

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Executive Secretary