



**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024**

Present: Marybeth Quill, Chair, Karl Pruter, Vice Chair, Lori Rautiola, Town Administrator, Members of the public. (Bob Hamilton called in by phone)

Marybeth opened the meeting at 3:2 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marybeth stated tonight's meeting had been moved to 3:15 to review the warrant articles and make recommendations. The Board discussed the meeting schedule and decided to hold a meeting on January 31 at 6 pm and return to the regular scheduled meetings every other week thereafter.

The first article for officers ensuing appeared correct. Articles 2-9 were not discussed. (Zoning articles) The Board discussed the need to try and reduce the amount of increase on the overall budget; All were in agreement not to change Articles 10, 11, 12 14, 18, and 19. The Board agreed to reduce Article 13 (Revaluation) from \$60k to \$55k, reduce Article 15 (Building Maintenance CRF) from \$100k to \$50k, reduce Article 16 (Police Equipment CRF) from \$50k to \$10k, and reduce Article 17 (Ingalls Memorial Library ETF) from \$20k to \$15K.

Karl Pruter made a motion to approve Articles 10, 11, 12 14, 18, and 19 with the recommendations for BAC corrected and included. Marybeth seconded the motion. Roll Call vote passed Karl, aye, Bob, aye, Marybeth, aye.

Article 13: Karl made a motion to approve Article 13 with the reduced amount of \$55,000 as noted above. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote - Karl, aye, Bob, aye, Marybeth, aye.

Article 15: Karl made a motion to approve Article 15 with the reduced number of \$50,000 as noted above. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote - Karl, aye, Bob, aye, Marybeth, aye.

Article 16: Karl made a motion to approve Article 16 with the amended amount of \$10,000. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote - Karl, aye, Bob, aye, Marybeth, aye.

Article 17: Karl made a motion to approve Article 17 with the amended amount reduced to \$15,000. Marybeth seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote - Karl, aye, Bob, aye, Marybeth, aye.

Bob asked if Marybeth would present articles 10, 13, 16 and 19. Marybeth agreed. Karl will present Articles 11, 14 and 17 and Bob will present Articles 12, 15 and 18.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rautiola