

Garland Select Board/Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2024
108 Corinth Rd

1. Opening Ceremonies:
 - a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 6:58pm.
 - b. R. Fick, N. Watson & T. Scott attending for a quorum of the Select Board. S. Giles, B. Scott, Y. Burrill, J. Rock, D. Fogg, L. Dumont and S. Berryhill attending for a quorum of the Budget Committee. L. Keefe, Administrator/Treasurer attending.
 - c. R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
2. Public Comments: R. Fick motioned to open to public comment at 6:59pm. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye. There being no public in attendance, R. Fick motioned to close to public comment at 7:00pm. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
3. Motions/Discussions:
 - a. R. Fick asked for motions from the Budget Committee members to elect a Chair for their committee. B. Scott nominates S. Giles. Seconded by Y. Burrill. Vote of committee members – All Aye. S. Giles was elected as Chair.

R. Fick turned the duties of Chair to S. Giles.

S. Giles called for nominations to elect a Co-Chair. Y. Burrill nominates B. Scott. Seconded by L. Dumont. Vote of committee members – All Aye. B. Scott was elected as Co-Chair.
 - b. S. Giles called for nominations to elect a secretary. L. Dumont nominates Y. Burrill. B. Scott seconded. Vote of committee members – All Aye. Y. Burrill was elected as Secretary.
 - c. L. Keefe provided an overview of how the budget process works, timelines and asked for questions. Reminded that an overview of the Budget Committee responsibilities and the meetings schedule was provided to everyone via an earlier email.
 - d. L. Keefe presented the taxes owed for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Reviewed the bank statements for Maine Highlands, Androscoggin, Bangor and Skowhegan. and explained the budget reports for each department so that the committee members can familiarize themselves with the format. L. Keefe will begin scheduling department heads to present budgets beginning with the November 13th meeting.
 - e. Questions: What is the Budget Committee’s role? L. Keefe stated that both the Select Board & Budget Committee listen to the presentations then ask questions for

clarification. Increases, Decreases or Cuts are discussed and voted on. The Select Board has the final authority to draft the warrant articles for Town Meeting. If during the budget preparation process, the budget number being presented for a department shows a significant disparity between the SB and BC, a notation is made with that article to promote discussion on the floor.

S. Giles asked L. Keefe to prepare the tax levy limit worksheet. L. Keefe replied that Legislature repealed the tax levy limit but that she would try to put numbers together.


L. Keefe will provide a breakdown of final costs/payment for the Campbell culvert project.

4. Adjournment: S. Giles motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Seconded by B. Scott. All Committee members voted Aye. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

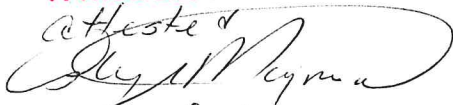

Regina Fick, Select Board Chair

10/23/2024
Date


Nova Watson, Select Board 2nd Seat


Teresa Scott, Select Board 3rd Seat

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