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Budget Committee Meeting on December 27, 2022

Attendance: Brenden Hubbard, Kevin Bazan, James Rokes Jr.(School Board rep), Theresa Sepe(Select Board rep) and Karey Miner. Joanne Devost absent.

Brenden opens the meeting at 6:00pm to finish the town's budget and warrant articles.

Theresa makes a motion to approve the minutes from 11/1/22 with a few changes. Jr seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Brenden let the committee know that the minutes that have been approved already will need to be revisited. Per the Town Clerk-Jim Tetreault the minutes that were taken by Nate needs to state who spoke during the meeting for each department.

Street Light Budget-The Select Board approved \$53,245. The old supply rate was .06 cents and the new rate is .14 cents. Jr makes a motion to approve the street light budget at \$45,000. Brenden seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-1.

Jr asked the board to revisit the Police Department budget. Kevin makes a motion to revisit the Police budget. Brenden seconds the motion. Motion carries 2-1. Jr motion to remove 1 fulltime officer. No second. Jr makes a motion to reduce the Regional Prosecutor line by \$8,000. Brenden seconds for discussion. Kevin stated that even though we do not have a fully staffed PD to make arrests, other departments are coming to cover the town and the arrests they make need to be covered by Winchester. The motion fails 3-1. Jr makes a motion to reduce the Police budget to \$683,501. No second.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,522.00** (sixteen thousand five hundred and twenty-two dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Assessing & Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 16 at the March 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of performing the assessing update or revaluation of the real estate in the Town of Winchester scheduled for 2020-2025. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Jr makes a motion to recommend as written. Kevin seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Town Owned Building Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of upgrades for Town owned buildings? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Jr makes a motion to recommend as written. Theresa seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** (Five thousand dollars) for the Town's share of State Road grant reconstruction costs for bridges and place it in the

EXISTING non-lapsing BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting under Article 19 for that purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1. Jr makes a motion to not recommend. Theresa seconds for discussion. The motion carries 3-0-1.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Highway equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Jr makes a motion to recommend as written. Theresa seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing an Ambulance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Jr makes a motion to recommend as written. Kevin seconds. The motion carries 3-1.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Fire equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Jr makes a motion to recommend as written. Theresa seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of updating the current Police fleet. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Kevin makes a motion to recommend as written. Jr seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Computer Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing/maintenance of computers. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Jr makes a motion to recommend as written. Brenden seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Culvert Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs & maintenance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1. Kevin makes a motion to recommend as written. Jr seconds. The motion carries 3-0-1.

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Ashuelot Rail Trail Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs & maintenance to the trails. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Jr makes a motion to not recommend. Bren seconds for discussion. The motion fails 2-2. Article tabled

Article : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Beach Ramp Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of installing a ramp at the Town Beach. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1. Jr makes a motion to not recommend. Brenden seconds for discussion. The motion carries 2-1-1.

Article : To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** (three thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Electronic Balloting device Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing or repair/maintenance of the Electronic Balloting device. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Theresa makes a motion to recommend as written. Jr seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

Article : Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of **\$385,715** (Three Hundred Eight Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars) for the operations of the **Water Department**, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$349,379** (Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars). If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved. "With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Kevin makes a motion to recommend as written. Jr seconds. The motion carries 3-1.

Article : Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of **\$491,297** (Four Hundred Nine One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars) for the operations of the **Sewer Department**, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$435,283** (Four Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars). If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved. "With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Kevin makes a motion to recommend as written. Theresa seconds. The motion carries 3-1.

Article : Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$4,361,127** (Four Million Three Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$4,150,895** (Four Million one Hundred fifty Thousand eight hundred ninety five dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required). Jr makes a motion to not recommend. No second. Kevin makes a motion to recommend as written. Brenden seconds. The motion carries 2-1-1.

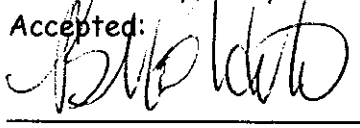
Next meeting will be 1/11/23 at 5:30pm. Joint meeting with Select Board & School Board to finish all warrant articles and petition articles. Public Hearing for the Town & School budgets/warrant articles will be 1/12/23 @ 6pm. (snow date 1/17/23 @ 6pm).

Karey will post a meeting scheduled for after the deliberative for both the Town & School on 2/4/23.

MOTION TO adjourn was made by Ineresa, seconded by JR all in favor passes 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Submitted by Karey Miner

Accepted:

 1/11/23

Brenden Hubbard, Chair