

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2024.

Committee members present included: Brenden Hubbard-Chair, Kevin Bazan-Vice Chair, Theresa Sepe -Selectboard Rep, Michelle Dwight.

Brenden Hubbard called the meeting to order at 602pm.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to accept the minutes from 12/12/23. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 3-0-1.

Board of Selectman Warrant Articles to recommend/ not recommend:

Theresa Sepe made the motion to recommend **Article #3** to raise and appropriate \$409,829 for the operations of the Water Dept., the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article does not affect taxation. Kevin Bazan 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Michelle Dwight made a motion to recommend **Article #4** to raise and appropriate \$504,503 for the operations of the Sewer Dept., the funds to be raised by user fees or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Kevin Bazan 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #5** to raise and appropriate \$16,522 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 and assessing update or revaluation of the real estate in the Town of Winchester scheduled in 2025. Michelle Dwight 2nd in the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #6** to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the existing and non-lapsing Town Owned Building Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of upgrades for Town owned buildings. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #7** to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Town's share of State Road grant reconstruction costs for bridges and place it in the existing and non-lapsing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting under Article #19 for that purpose. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. The vote by the Budget Committee on whether to recommend was 2 for 2 against.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #8** to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Highway Equipment. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #9** to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing an Ambulance. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #10** to raise and appropriate \$80,000 to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for purchasing Fire Equipment. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #11** to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of updating the current Police Fleet. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Theresa Sepe made a motion to recommend **Article #12** to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Computer Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing/maintenance of computers. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #13** to raise and appropriate \$30,000 to be placed into the existing non lapsing Culvert Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs & maintenance. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to not recommend **Article #14** to raise and appropriate \$2,500 to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Beach Ramp Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of installing a ramp at the Town Beach. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #15** to raise and appropriate \$3,000 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. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Theresa Sepe made a motion to recommend **Article #16** to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed into the Forest Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of repairs and maintenance to Forest Lake Dam. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Michelle Dwight made a motion to recommend **Article #17** to raise and appropriate \$104,517 to be placed into the existing non lapsing Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Array Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing the solar array scheduled in 2027. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 2-1-1.

Article #18 is a not a financial warrant so, the Budget Committee does not vote to recommend/not recommend this warrant article.

Theresa Sepe made a motion to recommend **Article #19** to establish a non-lapsing Storm Damage Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 II for the purpose of addressing needs that arise as a result of storm damage, including making necessary repairs, using and acquiring equipment, supplies and/or facilitating cleanup and to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be placed in this fund with the Board of Selectman named as the agents to expend for said fund. Brenden Hubbard 2nd the motion for discussion. Motion fails 1-3. Kevin Bazan made a motion to not recommend **Article #19**. Michelle Dwight 2nd the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Due to Thayer Library being given 6 weeks to present their budget to the Budget Committee on 1/2/2024 and being a no show/not producing a budget on 1/2/2024 for said budget; Kevin Bazan

made a motion to approve the Thayer Library Budget for \$1. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion since the Board of Selectman also extended Thayer Library's time to present to them as well but did not receive adequate information in a timely manner. Motion carries 4-0.

Michelle Dwight made a motion to accept the amount of \$4,515,353.00 be added to complete the **verbiage of Article #2**. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Kevin Bazan made a motion to recommend **Article #2** to 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 purpose set forth therein, totaling \$4,515,353.00. Theresa Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

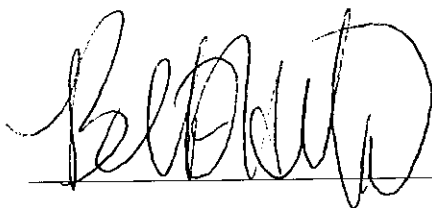
The Budget Committee's next Meeting: Jan. 10th, 2024 @ 530pm – Petition Warrant Articles

Jan. 11th, 2024 @ 6pm –Public Hearing- Petition Articles

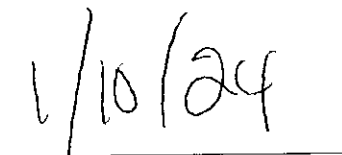
Theresa Sepe made a motion to Adjourn. Kevin Bazan 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 715pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by: Monica Truesdell, T.A. Assistant

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Brenden Hubbard-Budget Committee Chair

A handwritten date "1/10/24" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date

