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1/8/2024 - Minutes

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

President Paré' called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Town Council and the School Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Council Members Present:

Justin Paré President

Darius Gregory

Andrew Shanahan

Pat St. Pierre

Mark Gould

John Costello

Daniel Donovan

Members Absent:

Andrea Slobogan

John Simmons Vice President

School Committee Members Present:

Tasha Buzzell, Chair

Katherine Hobbs

David Chee

Gideon Gaudette

Sarah Stone

Members Absent:

Joe Flaherty

Ethan Hamilton

Staff Present:

Town Manager Mike Borg

Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito

Clerk of the Council Kerrin Billinghoff

Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti

Treasurer/Tax Collector Chris Sweet

Superintendent John Antonucci

Assistant Superintendent Michelle McKeon

Residents Present:

John Donohue resident of 34 Donald Tenant Circle

Documents Reviewed:

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Budget Policy Review & Long-Range Financial Forecast Power Point Presentation Packet

Chair Tasha Buzzell opened the School Committee Meeting.

II. Resident And Community Comment

None at this time.

III. New Business

- a. Annual Budget Briefing by the Town Manager on the Financial Condition of the Town and the Long-Range Financial Forecast

Annual Budget Briefing by the Town Manager on the Financial Condition of the Town and the Long-Range Financial Forecast

Town Manager Borg presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Budget Policy Review & Long-Range Financial Forecast. Below is an outline of the presentation and bullet points of each item that was presented and discussed.

OUTLINE

- Charter Reference
- Fiscal Year 2024 So Far...
- Fiscal Year 2025
- Long-Range Financial Forecast

- Conclusion

Fiscal Year 2024 So Far.....

- Town Finances
- Community Development
- Public Works
- Capital Programs
- FY24 Budget Strategy Execution
- FY24 Significant Events
- Draper Ave. 40B Project
- Downtown Revitalization Plan
- FY24 Budget Drivers
 1. FY24 Building Permits & Inspections
 2. NA Housing Market Trends & Indications
 3. Motor Vehicle Sales

- FY24 Snapshot
- FY24 Revenue Snapshot
- FY24 Local Receipts Recap
- FY24 Enterprise Funds
- FY24 Department Budget Execution
- Stabilization & Free Cash Balances
- FY24 Closeout (6-month Outlook)
- FY24 Budget Summary

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Forecast

- FY25 Budget Forecast
- FY25 Budget Drivers
- FY25 Levy & New Growth Estimate
- FY25 Capital Project Guidance
- FY25 Debt Service & Capacity
- FY25 Priorities
- FY25 Risks & Mitigations
- FY25 Budget Summary
- FY25 Budget Development Timeline

Long-Term Financial Forecast

- 5-Year Revenue Forecast
- Debt Capacity and Service Forecast
- Focus on Community Development
- Major Development Impacts

Discussions and questions amongst the Council, the School Committee Members, and the Town Manager included:

- What will the impact to the School System when 40B on Draper Ave. is constructed? How many additional children will be enrolled in the schools?
 1. At this time, not sure of the number of additional students, if any at all.

- There will be 40 units in the proposed 40B on Draper Ave. and of this number, 8 will be affordable housing.
- What will become of the current Senior Center when it moves to 451 Elm Street?
 1. The Town does not own the current building, the Town rents the space. When moved to 451 Elm St., rent expense will no longer be needed.

- Will approval of the School Committee be needed if we were to sell Allen Avenue? How much does it currently cost to keep the building up and running?
 1. No approval is needed. Very limited expenses at the property at this time.

- What type of CIP Projects are anticipated?
 1. Infrastructure Projects; Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks.
 2. Building Projects; Richards Memorial Library, Animal Shelter, School Roofing Project, and Sports Fields on High Street.
 3. Martin School and Falls School Boiler

- Insurance Coverage for employees
- Budget Guidance and Inflation
- **Blanket Contracts are a great way to reduce costs.**
- Community Forum on MSBA project for the NAHS to be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024.
- Mixed-Use Bylaw implementation.

IV. Adjournment

Kathryn Hobbs made a motion to adjourn.

Sarah Stone seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Gould seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

V. TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. Monday, January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. Monday, February 12, 2024 Submission of Preliminary Proposed Budget & Budget Message