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1/9/2023 - Minutes

**I. Pledge Of Allegiance**

President Paré called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. lead the Council, the School Committee and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**Town Council Members Present:**

Justin Paré  
John Simmons  
Patrick Reynolds  
Andrea Slobogan  
Andy Shanahan  
Daniel Donovan  
Mark Gould

**Town Council Members Absent:**

Darius Gregory  
Kathleen Prescott

Chair of the School Committee opened the meeting at 7:01PM.

**School Committee Members Present:**

Ethan Hamilton  
Katherine Hobbs  
David Chee  
John Costello  
Joe Flaherty

**School Committee Absent:**

Tasha Buzzell  
Sarah Stone

**Staff Present:**

Town Manager Mike Borg  
Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito III  
Clerk of the Council Kerrin Billinghoff  
Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti  
Treasurer/Collector Chris Sweet

Assistant Assessor Cheryl Smith  
NAFD Chief Chris Coleman  
NAFD Deputy Fire Chief Michael Chabot  
Schools Superintendent John Antonucci  
Assistant School Superintendent Michelle McKeon  
Director of Student Services Margaret Camire  
Assistant Superintendent Finance and Operations Catherine Blake

**Invited Guests:**

State Representative Adam Scanlon

**Documents Reviewed:**

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Annual Budget Policy Review & Long-Range Financial Forecast

**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

**The Town Manager's Presentation OUTLINE:**

- Charter Reference
- Fiscal Year 23 So Far...
  - Snapshot, Budget Strategy, Significant Events
    - Town Finances
    - Community Development
    - Public Safety
    - Public Works- Reinforcing our commitment to the 10-Mile River
    - Capital Programs
  - Development Highlights, Drivers, Budget Execution, Account Balances
  - FY23 Closeout & Summary
- Fiscal Year 24
  - Forecast, Drivers, Levy & New Growth Estimates, Capital Projects, Priorities, Risks & Mitigations
  - FY24 Budget Timeline
- Long-Range Financial Forecast
  - Strategy, Revenues, Focus Areas, Major Development Impacts
- Conclusion

Town Manager Borg went into detail and reviewed each of the items in the outline of the FY24 Annual Budget Policy Review & Long-Range Financial Forecast presentation.

Town Councilors, School Committee Members, and the Town Manager discussed:

- Employee Retention is very important.
- Contracts with bargaining units' expiration dates are all at the same time.
- Retention of NAPD officers- new contracts will help to ensure.
- AARP Expiration Date is 2026
- Cannabis Host Agreement - 3% mitigation is no longer required by the State.
- Comparative Reports for specific departments - How each department compares to other Towns. Have these been looked into?
- Insurance changes- Be mindful of employees
- Solid Waste Department- Service Charge
- Town Procurement Officer
- Be sure we don't overburden taxpayers with extra costs

State Representative Adam Scanlon addressed the Committee and the Council and gave them insight on the MSBA Feasibility Study.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

Town Council Vice-President Simmons made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

School Committee Member Kathryn Hobbs made a motion to adjourn.

School Committee Member John Costello seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.