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Board of Selectmen
Budget Meeting
5:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 2026
3rd floor, Town Hall, and Remote via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Recording

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1. Call to order and roll call

First Selectman Rea called the budget meeting of Monday, February 9, 2026, to order at 5:00 p.m. Also present: Selectman Chadd, Selectman Hennick (5:30p.m.), and Finance Director Beth Moncata.

2. FY 2026-2027 budget workshop

Phil Augur, Chair of Conservation Commission: discussed the Conservation Commission budget for fy26-27. Idea of using Coginchaug students who need volunteer hours for Recording Secretary duties.

Sarah Atwell, Chair of America 250: discussed the America 250 Committee budget for fy26-27. Request was for \$10,000.

Josh Miller, Tree Warden: discussed a potential different structure to his budget this year.

Lynn Riotte: Assessor Office: spoke about permitting fees

Operating FY 2026- 2027

Board of Selectmen reviewed the following:

- a. Board of Finance; increase of \$660
- b. Office of the First Selectman: Subscriptions and publications/Valley Shore TV (new) \$5,000
- c. Tax Collector: invited to a future meeting; requesting add't hour for Assistant Tax Collector
- d. Town Clerk: reduction \$725
- e. Finance Director: increase of \$2,000; payroll increases, printing
- f. Information Technology: +7.97%; discussion on removal of Zoom/staff not ready
- g. Land Use: decrease \$1,200
- h. Planning and Zoning legal; no change
- i. Planning and Zoning Commission: slight increase for Tyche (Town Planner)
- j. Zoning Board of Appeal: slight increase
- k. Historic District Commission: slight increase; legal notice cost
- l. Inland Wetlands: increase \$2,600; additional hours for Wetland Enforcement Officer, increase, legal services
- m. Economic Development Commission: no change

- n. Sustainable Durham; decrease \$1,200
- o. Charter Revision Commission: \$16,500, large chunk will take place in fy26-27
- p. Compensation Review; increase \$2,000; request funds for HR Consultant; will call in
- q. Ethics Commission: slight increase, PO box fee
- r. Agriculture Commission; looking for grants for farms
- s. Registrar of Voters; requested increase in salaries, will be at future meeting
- t. Health Insurance and Health Benefits; reviewed
- u. Social Security; increase \$26,000; had been flat for years
- v. Employee Retirement Plan; increase \$22,000
- w. Liability, auto, property Insurance; increase \$6,000
- x. Property and Maintenance; reviewed
- y. Old Indian Trail; more information
- z. Youth Services; increase 3%; will call into a budget workshop
- aa. Senior Services; reviewed/needs further discussion on "other salaries" usage
- bb. Public Works; John Jenkins into a budget workshop
- cc. Emergency Management; Jack Trifilo into a budget workshop

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet