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3:10 PM Jodi Moore, ATC

Board of Selectmen
Budget Meeting
5:00 p.m., Monday, February 19, 2026
3rd floor, Town Hall, and Remote via Zoom

Minutes

Meeting Recording

Passcode: G3\$=M8j2

1. Call to order and roll call

First Selectman Rea called the Board of Selectmen budget meeting of Monday, February 19, 2026 to order at 5:00 p.m. Also present: Selectman Chadd and Selectman Hennick.
Staff: Beth Moncata, Finance Director

2. FY 2026-2027 budget workshop:

a. Durham Public Library

Lauren Redfield, Library Director, and Maya Perry Liss, Chair of Library Board of Trustees were present to discuss the requested 2026-2027 budget.

- Looks like the Governor's budget has a 20% cut to Borrow It, Durham could lose about \$3,000
- 3% increase for staff across the board
- Capital: looking for funding for public access computers, furniture, shelving, movable wall, window trim

b. Compensation Review Personnel Policy Commission

- Funding for Recording Secretary; asked if there are volunteers from Cuginchaug as previously discussed
- \$2,000 requested for an HR consultant if need be. Confirmed there were no items at the moment but stated something could come up in the future. Can not engage services unless Commission has an item come up.

c. Tax Collector

- Tax Collector reviewed his budget with the board, overall increase of 8%
- Requested an additional hour for the Assistant Tax Collector, office coverage

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the following budgets in depth:

- Animal Control Office; discussed figuring out a long-term solution
- Social Services; increase \$3,300 discussed transportation for dial-a-ride
- Farmers Market; will be called into a future meeting; Recreation may no longer want to run the market
- Recreation Department; increase \$10,000; Rec Director coming to a future meeting
- Building and Maintenance; Drinking Water previously unmetered at Community Center; Little League usage; electricity decreased

- Capital Projects were discussed in depth:
 - Revaluation – lengthy discussion, asked Assessor Philip to attend
 - Equipment/Communications; requesting five additional interior firefighter radios/\$10,000 per radio; need to clarify mutual aid requirements for radio types
 - Fire Ponds; needs water testing on Airline Dr
 - Rental Maintenance
 - Sidewalk Repair; \$15,000 Phase 2
 - Main St Crosswalk; \$9,950 engineering
 - Reserve account
 - Bond Counsel; reach out regarding which capital projects could be bondable
 - Fire Department Equip
 - Fire Apparatus; reduce to \$140,000
 - Turn out gear removed, in operating budget
 - Vehicles

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet