

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Thursday June 1, 2023

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arcelaschi at 7:04pm

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	
	Candy Perez (Selectwoman)	Jack Bourque (Selectman)
	Candace Bouchard (Selectwoman)	Linda Groppo (Selectwoman)
	Steve Sedlack (Selectman)	Jonathan Morhardt (Selectman)
Staff Members	Josh Kelly (Town Manager)	
	Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)	

Item 2 **Consider and Possibly Act on matters related to revising the FY 2024 budget and submitting a revised draft to the Town Meeting.**

Motion Statement - "To set the Town Meeting, to consider the revised Town Budget for FY2024 for Monday June 12, 2023."

Motion - Mayor Arcelaschi / Second - Sel. Bouchard

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

The recommendation from the Registrars of Voters is to schedule the Referendum to vote on the revised budget for Tuesday June 27th at Pearson School from 8am to 8pm. The date and time will be formally established at the Town Meeting on the 12th.

Mayor Arcelaschi opened discussion by suggesting a budget reduction of \$200,000 from the Town side and \$200,000 from the Bd of Education.

Town Manager Kelly asked to speak and offered a salary concession for the Board's consideration. Sel. Bouchard and Sel. Bourque rejected the offer. Sel. Perez countered with a suggestion that Josh's salary be increased at a minimum of 2.75%. Much discussion ensued.

Town Manager Kelly offered that he and the Finance Director had uncovered 2 significant opportunities would result in budget reductions. Finding alternative funding for a Capital Road Project and the lowered cost of insurance for Town employees during the coming year yielded \$120,000 in savings. Selectman Bourque rejected that the board accept these as savings but rather suggested the \$120,000 be spent to improve roads or find additional value for the Town.

Mayor Arcelaschi suggested there be a question on the Referendum Ballot regarding a Phased In Plan for Property Revaluation Assessments. There was agreement that although this was an option exercised by some other Connecticut Towns it would be a complicated strategy to implement.

Mayor Arcelaschi polled the Board members as to their guidance to the Town Manager regarding budget reductions.

Sel. Perez - Find reductions but capped at \$200,000

Sel. Bouchard - Would only accept the \$120,000 that was offered at this meeting

Sel. Sedlack - Would prefer no cuts, but realistically the BOS should give Josh a number

Sel. Groppo - No cuts to education

Sel. Bourque - No cuts at all

Sel. Morhardt - Agreed with reductions

Sel. Perez suggested the Board invite Superintendent Brady - Shanley to the next budget negotiation meeting.

Item 3

Adjournment

* Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Morhardt

To adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesius, Town Clerk

These Minutes are subject to formal approval at the next scheduled meeting. Any amendments, corrections or revisions will be noted in the next Meeting Minutes.

