

**TOWN OF RYE BUDGET COMMITTEE
2023 TOWN BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Rye Town Hall & Via Zoom

Committee Present: *Chair Scott Marion, Vice-Chair Jeffrey Ross, Jacinthe Grote, Doug Abrams, Suzanne Barton, Rye Beach District Rep Shawn Crapo, School Board Rep Matt Curtin, Rye Water District Rep Ralph Hickson, and Selectmen's Rep Tom King*

Also Present: *Finance Director/Asst. Town Administrator Becky Bergeron and Town Administrator Matt Scruton*

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Marion called the meeting/budget work session to order at 8:38 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

II. 2022 Budget Work Session

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Accepted</u>
Sewer	Fund 2	\$414,440	\$414,440
Lee Arthur & David Kohlhasse	4326-90		

Highlights: Ms. Arthur noted that the proposed sewer budget for 2023 has increased from 2022 by \$54,152. A large portion of the budget is for the payment of a bond in the amount of \$33,435.40., as part of plant upgrades in Hampton. This payment accounts for 62% of the budget increase. Rye has a share of the bond in the amount of \$471,200 with the first payment due in 2023. Another increase is for the City of Portsmouth, Adam's Mobile Home Park. Rye pays the Portsmouth bills and in turn Adam's pays Rye with an administrative fee added. Adam's Mobile Home Park rate is up by 6% and usage has also increased. This is an in and out item.

All funds, other than Fund 1, is a self-supporting fund. The only thing that taxes support are the General Fund 1 items. The sewer budget is paid by users and it's not in the tax rate.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Sewer Budget in the amount of \$414,440. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Emergency Mngt. 4290-17	\$13,100	\$13,100
Police Chief Walsh		

Highlights: Police Chief Walsh noted that the year 2023 is another year for drills for emergency management. The proposed budget also includes maintenance expenses for the generator.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Emergency Management Budget in the amount of \$13,100. Seconded by Jeffrey Ross. Vote: 9-0

Police Dept.	4210-15	\$1,777,551	\$1,777,551
Police Chief Walsh			

Highlights: Chief Walsh reviewed the details for the 2023 Police Department Budget. The wages line item includes the wages for a new part-time position as a training coordinator and accreditation manager. This person will be in charge of policies and procedures, training, employee retention, and meeting accreditation standards. It was noted that the budget includes a COLA increase of 2.75% for non-union personnel. It also includes the increases for benefits; such as, health, dental, and state retirement. The budget reflects the contractual obligations that are still in effect for the step increases for staff who are eligible. The health insurance has a 5.8% increase with a 1.5% increase in dental. There may be some changes in the wages due to a recent town-wide wage study. The Select Board is still reviewing the study. It is anticipated that the net changes would be approximately \$67,000 across the town.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$1,777,551. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Vote: 9-0

Animal Control	4414-38	\$53,263	\$53,263
Police Chief Walsh			

Highlights: Chief Walsh spoke about the work of the animal control officer. The budget includes a wage increase from starting wage to mid wage at 32 hours per week. The animal control officer position is a parttime position and does not include benefits. The last two years, the Animal Control Budget has been \$10,000 under budget due to transitions in staffing for that position.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Animal Control Budget in the amount of \$53,263. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Parking Enforce	Fund 8	\$46,519	\$46,519
Police Chief Walsh			

Highlights: Chief Walsh noted that the mopeds are replaced every other year. The repairs are sometimes made in house by the Town's mechanic at DPW. If it's something that the department cannot handle, there is a local person who takes on the repair. Currently, there are two mopeds for the department that cover 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in staggered shifts. It was noted that 40% of the collected parking violations pay for parking enforcement and 60% goes back to the general fund.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Fund 8 Parking Enforcement Budget in the amount of \$46,519. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Outside Detail	Fund 7	\$176,584	\$176,584
Police Chief Walsh			

Highlights: Chief Walsh explained that this is a self-supporting fund through requests for outside details; such as, road construction jobs or Seacoast Science Center events. The budget includes the purchase of a new cruiser for the Department, with the necessary equipment, in the amount of \$64,000. Chief Walsh noted that the Ford cruisers the Department uses have increased \$8,000. The intent is to move to a Chevy Tahoe, as those are \$2,400 less than the Ford. At this time, the Department has five cruisers.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the proposed budget for Fund 7 Outside Details in the amount of \$176,584. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Safety Bldg. 4194-08 \$88,013 \$88,013
Chief Cotreau & Chief Walsh

Highlights: It was noted that the heating blended oil contract for the Town is \$3.48 per gallon. The proposed Public Safety Building Budget increases are due to fuel, maintenance supplies, and building maintenance.

Motion by Jaci Grote to recommend the Safety Building Budget in the amount of \$88,013. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Vote: 9-0

Ambulance 4215-19 \$185,923 \$185,923
Chief Cotreau

Highlights: Fire Chief Mark Cotreau reviewed the details for the proposed Ambulance Budget. A Medicare survey will be required within the first five months of 2023. The survey is to determine what percentage of the fuel cost in the Department is directly related to Medicare ambulance calls. Every agency in the nation is required to do this survey. It's important that this be as accurate as possible because this will reflect on Medicare rates, which have already decreased. Fees charged out for ambulance services comes to approximately \$171,000 yearly.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Ambulance Budget in the amount of \$185,923. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Vote: 9-0

Fire Dept. 4220-16 \$1,956,792 \$1,956,792
Chief Cotreau

Highlights: Chief Cotreau noted that there have been further discussions with the Select Board regarding the new Deputy Chief position. The date for that position to go into effect has moved from June 1st to October 1st in order to make room for some other town-wide initiatives that the Board thought was important. The Deputy Chief position is being presented as an hourly exempt position, which will allow for overtime for shift work if it is ordered in. The Deputy will be helping with administrative tasks, training, and will build a succession within the Department. The increase to the wages line is due to the COLA. The per diem wages is the final year of a three-year phase-in of part-timers to increase the on-call personnel. Currently, there are six per diem staff members and the goal is to increase that to ten. The intent is to budget for another average 42-hour work week and to cover the spots that are already open in the schedule. The budget for 2023 covers three 42-hour weekly shifts for a total of 126 hours per week.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$1,956,792. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Lifeguards 4520-52 \$82,755 \$82,755
Chief Cotreau

Highlights: Chief Cotreau noted that the Select Board approved a raise in lifeguards wages. A comparative analysis of surrounding communities is done once per year in order for Rye to remain competitive and retain lifeguards. The budget also includes funds for a lifeguard course being taught by licensed fire personnel. The goal for offering the course is to attract people who are interested in becoming lifeguard certified, in hopes that they will work for Rye. There is a fee for the course, but lifeguards who remain with the Town will be reimbursed at the end of the season.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Lifeguard Budget in the amount of \$82,755. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Town Custodian 4194-02

Tabled

Jason Rucker

Highlights: DPW Director Jason Rucker explained that the increase in the budget is due to preparation and anticipation that the current parttime custodian may not continue his service. Included in this budget are the custodial wages and quotes for contractual custodial services to ensure that there is no drop in services should the current custodian leave his position. The custodial services is included in the contracted service line item. The budget would cover three days per week for three town buildings. Currently, the custodian provides five days per week for two buildings.

There was concern by the Budget Committee as to why both the custodial wages and contracted custodial services are being budgeted for the full year. The Committee agreed to not vote on the budget at this time. They recommended that the DPW Director decide as to which line to put the custodial services in and to not budget both for a full year. The Committee will review the budget at their next meeting.

Motion by Jaci Grote to table the Town Custodian Budget. Seconded by Suzanne Barton. All in favor.

Public Works Bldg. 4194-06

\$19,800

\$19,800

Jason Rucker

Highlights: Director Rucker noted that the increase to the budget is due to the fuel and electric costs. There is also a small increase in the maintenance supply line item.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to recommend the Public Works Buildings Budget in the amount of \$19,800. Seconded by Doug Abrams. Vote: 9-0

PWD Personnel 4312-23

Tabled

Jason Rucker

Highlights: Director Rucker noted that the increase in the budget is due to the proposal of an additional fulltime staff member, as well as a parttime administrative assistant to the Public Works Director. The Select Board has approved the fulltime position for the Public Works Department with a starting date of June 2023. This is the only fulltime position that the Select Board has approved to start in June. Positions requested by other departments were budgeted for a start date of October 1st. Currently, there are three fulltime highway workers. The new fulltime position will bring personnel up to four. The parttime administrative assistant is being proposed to help the DPW Director with bill paying, writing letters, fielding phone calls, and data entry. It was agreed to table the budget for further clarification in the numbers for the requested positions.

Motion by Jaci Grote to table the Public Works Personnel Budget. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. All in favor.

PWD Operations 4312-24**\$768,830****\$768,830****Jason Rucker**

Highlights: Director Rucker noted that most of the increase in this budget is due to the paving line item, which is being increased by \$25,000. The increase in the paving is due to the significant increase to asphalt costs, along with the intent to pave as much as possible with regard to the budget. The areas being targeted for paving are based on the paved condition index (PCI). The last scan was done a few years back and there will be an update for the Town soon. It was also noted that other increases to the budget include fuel costs, along with treated salt by 10% and road salt by 5%.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Public Works Operation Budget in the amount of \$768,830. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Street Lighting 4316-27**\$4,800****\$4,800****Jason Rucker**

Highlights: Director Rucker noted that there is a pedestrian signal light out on Ocean Blvd for one of the crosswalks. A maintenance call for that light is close to \$1,000. This expense is reflected in the Street Lighting Budget.

Motion by Jaci Grote to recommend the Street Lighting Budget in the amount of \$4,800. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Transfer Station 4323-33**\$286,290****\$286,290****Jason Rucker**

Highlights: There is a slight decrease in the proposed 2023 budget for the Transfer Station, due to the retirement of a senior staff member. Currently, there are three fulltime employees at the Transfer Station. The temporary help line in the budget covers additional staffing as needed. The replacement and improvements line item covers the replacement program for the dumpsters, concrete repair, siding, and beautification of the Transfer Station.

Motion by Shawn Crapo to recommend the Transfer Station Operation Budget in the amount of \$286,290. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Solid Waste 4324-33**\$350,300****\$350,300****Jason Rucker**

Highlights: Director Rucker noted that the budget for solid waste disposal has increased by almost \$50,000 to cover contractual obligations for tipping fees. The tonnages being hauled have increased. It is expected that the tonnages will continue to increase.

The Committee questioned the year-to-date expenditures for tipping fees. It was noted that there are still bills outstanding of about four to five months. It was also noted that in 2021, the actual expenditure was \$177,000. It is anticipated that those fees will exceed \$177,000 for 2022. This will bring that line item close to \$198,000 in 2023.

Director Rucker pointed out that the hauling fees have increased for 2023. Hauling is contractual and the contract was renegotiated this year. Only one bid was received.

This budget is also offset by revenues collected for waste and recycling. The year-to-date revenue for 2022 is about \$128,000.

Motion by Shawn Crapo to recommend the Solid Waste Disposal Budget in the amount of \$350,300. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Land Mngt.	4520-55	\$147,228	\$147,328
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Jason Rucker

Highlights: Director Rucker noted that the wages in this budget covers the land use assistant position, which is approximately 60% of the wage line item.

Motion by Jaci Grote to recommend the Land Management Budget in the amount of \$147,228. Seconded by Doug Abrams.

There was discussion on budgeting for the outer marker site.

Motion by Scott Marion to add \$100 to the Land Management Budget for the outer marker site. Seconded by Suzanne Barton. All in favor.

Jaci Grote amended her motion to move \$147,328 for the Land Management Budget. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Beach Cleaning	Fund 12	\$44,940	\$44,940
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Jason Rucker

Highlights: The year-to-date expenditures for beach cleaning reflects the fact that the beach tractor has been down all summer. The department was not able to locate a rental for a replacement, so beach cleaning was not done. It was noted that half of the funds for beach parking stickers go to this budget. A warrant article is being presented to the voters to allow 75% of the funds to go to this budget with the remaining 25% to the general fund.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Beach Cleaning Budget in the amount of \$44,940. Seconded by Matt Curtin. Vote: 9-0

Building Inspect.	4240-18	\$359,375	\$359,385
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Chuck Marsden

Highlights: The increase in the wage line item for building inspection is due to expansion of the building inspector administrative assistant position that was approved by the Select Board this past June. The wage line for 2023 reflects a full year of wages for the administrative assistant, plus the addition of health, dental, and retirement benefits for that position. The department now has two fulltime building inspectors, along with the administrative assistant. The year-to-date income for the department is just under \$640,000.

There was discussion in regards to adding a number to the pump out consulting line item. It was agreed to add \$10 to that line item.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Building Inspection Budget in the amount of \$359,385. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Zoning - BOA	4191-10	\$15,985	\$15,985
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Kim Reed

Highlights: Planning/Zoning Administrator Reed gave a quick review of the proposed 2023 budget for the Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Zoning Board of Adjustment Budget in the amount of \$15,985. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Planning Board	4191-11	\$188,838	\$188,838
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Kim Reed

Highlights: There were no concerns with the Planning Board Budget.

Motion by Jaci Grote to recommend the Planning Board Budget in the amount of \$188,838. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Planning Board Capital Outlay Discussion:

Julie LaBranche, consultant on the master plan, Planning Administrator Kim Reed, and Planning Board Member Rob Wright spoke to the Budget Committee about the request of \$90,000., under Capital Outlay, for a rewrite of the Town's Master Plan. There is also a request for \$22,000 to hire a firm to conduct a build-out analysis for the Town of Rye. The information in the build-out analysis will be used to help guide the rewriting of the Master Plan. The Budget Committee will be reviewing and voting on capital outlay items at a future meeting.

Budget review continued:

Mosquito Cnt.	4414-39	\$103,560	\$103,560
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Becky Bergeron

Highlights: The Mosquito Control Budget is increasing for 2023 by 14%, due to the increase in vendor fees for mosquito control services.

Motion by Jaci Grote to recommend the Mosquito Control Budget in the amount of \$103,560. Seconded by Doug Abrams. Vote: 9-0

Note: *Jaci Grote recused herself from the Budget Committee for the Conservation Commission Budget.*

Conservation Com	4611-53	\$138,575	\$138,575
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Sally King & Jaci Grote

Highlights: There is an increase to the Conservation Budget in the amount of \$27,500 due to anticipated legal expenses, contracted services, and land management. There was discussion about the upcoming saltmarsh restoration projects planned for 2023. There was also discussion about the conservation property off Pioneer Road. RCC will be submitting a request for capital outlay funds for the construction of a parking lot, along with the engineering, for the Pioneer Rd property. Capital outlays will be reviewed by the Budget Committee at an upcoming meeting.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to recommend the Conservation Commission Budget in the amount of \$138,575. Seconded by Matt Curtin. Vote: 8-0-1 Abstained: Jaci Grote

Conservation Bld.	4194-53	\$12,950	\$12,950
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Sally King & Jaci Grote

Highlights: The Conservation Buildings Budget covers expenses for maintenance of the Goss Farm Barn.

Motion by Matt Curtin to recommend the Conservation Buildings Budget in the amount of \$12,950. Seconded by Jeff Ross. Vote: 8-0-1 Abstained: Jaci Grote

<p>The Budget Committee recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. Meeting/Budget Work Session reconvened at 1:15 p.m.</p>
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Recreation 4520-50

Tabled

Dyana Martin & Corey Belden

Highlights: The Recreation Budget includes the wages for two new positions in the department. One of the positions is a fulltime assistant director/program supervisor. This position is being funded through the general Recreation Commission Budget and the Recreation Revolving Fund, which is used for programming and supporting fees collected. It was agreed with the Select Board that this position would be funded 35% out of the revolving fund for the first year and would increase over the next four-year period until it reaches 100%. The second position is a parttime position to cover maintenance for recreation facilities. The intent is to rebuild the staff, as positions were cut in the past few years due to Covid. Currently, there are two fulltime staff members in recreation with other positions being parttime. It was noted that the parttime position has not yet been discussed in detail with the Select Board. The numbers for the budget are not accurate at this time, as the details of the new positions are still being vetted.

Motion by Doug Abrams to table the Recreation Budget for further clarification. Seconded by Jaci Grote. All in favor.

Patriotic Purp. 4583-59

\$17,950

\$17,960

Dyana Martin & Corey Belden

Highlights: Recreation Director Dyana Martin noted that the budget is the same, except for the flag line item. The Fire Department will be covering the expense for flags in their budget.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Patriotic Purposes Budget in the amount of \$17,950. Seconded by Shawn Crapo.

There was some discussion about adding funds for the 400th Anniversary in order to be able to spend from that line item if needed.

Doug Abrams amended his motion to recommend \$17,960 for Patriotic Purposes. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Vote: 9-0

Rec Revolving Fund 9

Tabled

Dyana Martin & Corey Belden

Highlights: The Recreation Revolving Fund is used to pay for programming and the collection of fees for those programs. The fulltime assistant director/programming supervisor position will be partially covered by this fund. The numbers for the fulltime position are still being vetted, so this budget number is not yet accurate.

Motion by Jaci Grote to table the Recreation Revolving Budget. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. All in favor.

Library 4550-58

\$771,882

\$771,882

**Library Trustees &
Director A. Richmond**

Highlights: Library Director Andrew Richmond presented the proposed budget for the Library and reviewed the details of the line items. The wage line item reflects the wages for a new position for youth department director. The wages also reflect merit increases for current personnel, along with the COLA. There is also some increase in the budget due to increased health and dental costs. Other increases in line items include the electric and heating fuel.

**Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Library Budget in the amount of \$771,882.
Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0**

Heritage 4590-57 \$4,800 \$4,800

Highlights: The Budget Committee did not have any concerns with the Heritage Commission Budget.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Heritage Commission Budget in the amount of \$4,800. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Historic Dist. 4589-54 \$3,445 \$3,445

Highlights: There were no concerns with the Historic District Budget.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Historic District Budget in the amount of \$3,445. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Executive 4130-01 \$357,155 \$357,155

Becky Bergeron & Matt Scruton

Highlights: The Select Board increased the contracted services line item for additional funds to cover training and HR support. Another project this line item would cover is an update to the personnel policy. It was noted that the salaries line item reflects wages for the new town administrator.

Motion by Jaci Grote to recommend the Executive Budget in the amount of \$357,155. Seconded by Doug Abrams. Vote: 9-0

Assessing 4150-20 \$204,593 \$204,593

Becky Bergeron & Matt Scruton

Highlights: Finance Director Bergeron explained that the increase in the budget is due to the increase in assessing services. The Select Board recently approved a three-year contract for assessing services and this reflects a 5% increase for the new contract for the first year. Software licensing fees have also substantially increased. There are additional fees for real-time updates to Vision, so there will be more accurate information.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Assessing Budget in the amount of \$204,593. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0

Finance 4150-21 \$227,828 \$227,828

Becky Bergeron & Matt Scruton

Highlights: The increases to the budget are due to COLA, health insurance, and dental. The software licensing fees have also increased because of updates to the payroll system due to required NH Retirement reporting.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to recommend the Finance Budget in the amount of \$227,828. Seconded by Doug Abrams. Vote: 9-0

CIP Com. 4150-90 \$1,538 \$1,538

Highlights: There were no issues or concerns with the CIP Committee Budget.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the CIP Committee Budget in the amount of \$1,538.

Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Vote: 9-0

Legal 4153 \$165,751 \$165,751

Highlights: There were no issues or concerns with the Legal Budget.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Legal Budget in the amount of \$165,751.

Seconded by Jeffrey Ross. Vote: 9-0

Town Hall Bldg. 4194-07 \$32,220 \$32,220

Highlights: There were no issues or concerns with the Town Hall Building Budget.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Town Hall Building Budget in the amount of \$32,220. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Cemetery 4195-25 \$138,408 \$138,408

Highlights: There were no concerns or issues with the Cemetery Budget.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$138,408.

Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Insurance 4196-12 \$208,669 \$208,669

Becky Bergeron & Matt Scruton

Highlights: The increase to the Insurance Budget are due to significant long-term injuries in 2022 in worker's compensation. This budget covers property, liability, worker's compensation for the entire town departments. It was noted by Finance Director Becky Bergeron that the Town just went through an audit by the Department of Labor. Every department was inspected and a list of items to address was reported back to the Town. Those items have since been addressed. The Town also has a Joint Loss Committee that meets quarterly to discuss injuries, accidents, and to inspect safety features within buildings. The committee focuses on one specific area quarterly.

Motion by Jaci Grote to recommend the Insurance Budget in the amount of \$208,669.

Seconded by Suzanne Barton. Vote: 9-0

Regional Agencies 4197-22 \$60,261 \$60,261

Becky Bergeron & Matt Scruton

Highlights: A Regional Association Review Committee was formed this past year to review the regional associations that the Town supports. The associations are voted in at town meeting and need another vote through a warrant article to be removed. The Regional Association Review Committee may be making a recommendation to remove an association. It is anticipated that they will be recommending to at least reallocate the funds within the associations. The intent of forming the Regional Association Review Committee was to review the associations and to have a rationalization as to the requests, as it has been over a decade since the associations have been addressed.

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Regional Agencies Budget in the amount of \$60,261. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the General Government Budget in the amount of \$134,916. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

**Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Health Officer Budget in the amount of \$13,740.
Seconded by Ralph Hickson. Vote: 9-0**

Motion by Doug Abram to recommend the Direct Assistance Budget in the amount of \$31,500. Seconded by Shawn Crapo. Vote: 9-0

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Debt Service Principal Budget in the amount of \$348,964. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Motion by Shawn Crapo to recommend the Debt Service Interest Budget in the amount of \$63,274. Seconded by Doug Abrams. Vote: 9-0

**Motion by Shawn Crapo to recommend the Debt Service TANS Budget in the amount of \$1.
Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0**

**Motion by Shawn Crapo to recommend the Debt Service BANS Budget in the amount of \$1.
Seconded by Doug Abrams. Vote: 9-0**

Motion by Doug Abrams to recommend the Energy Committee Budget in the amount of \$1,500. Seconded by Jaci Grote. Vote: 9-0

Highlights: The decrease in the postage line item was noted. There were no issues or concerns with the Town Clerk/Registration Budget.

Highlights: Tax Collector DeCotis reviewed the Tax Collector Budget. There was an increase in the budget due to health insurance increases. Postage was decreased. The other line items remained the same.

Highlights: Tax Collector DeCotis noted that there is one election in 2023. The budget now includes funds for the postage for absentee ballots, as it was previously included in the Town Clerk/Registrations Budget. The wages line item covers stipends for the Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Moderator, and election workers.

Highlights: It was noted that the increase in the budget is for water testing at the beaches during the shoulder seasons. During the season, NH DES covers the testing.

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