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Mark S. Carson, Chair  
Tara B. White  
Bill West  
Select Board

**Meeting Minutes  
Joint Meeting of the Select Board and Finance Committee  
Hybrid Meeting  
In Person and Via Zoom  
Monday, April 10, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

**Select Board Members Present:** Mark Carson, Chair  
Tara B. White  
Bill West

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Beth Reynolds  
Steve Klein  
Doug Newman  
Robert Miller  
Jane Fuccillo  
Barbara Marchione  
John Pshenishny

**Others Present:** Mari Enoch, Town Administrator  
Michelle Castellano, Administrative Secretary  
Chuck Loring, Highway Superintendent  
Graham Frank, Police Chief  
Marsha Pshenishny  
Beth Dean  
Eugene Graf

Mark Carson called the meeting to order for the Select Board at 6:01 p.m.  
Beth Reynolds called the meeting to order for the Finance Committee at 6:01 p.m.

Review and Approve joint minutes for Select Board and Finance Committee  
No minutes were reviewed at this time.

Discuss and Approve FY24 Operating and Capital Budget (Finance Committee and Select Board)  
Mari Enoch presented the Capital Budget.

The Select Board and the Finance Committee discussed the decreasing of the Capital Budget, by eliminating some of the big ticket items, specifically the following:

- Loader \$215,000.00
- Highway Pickup \$70,000.00
- Plow / Dump Truck \$223,000.00
- Leaf Blower \$18,000.00
- Tractor Plow \$11,000.00

**A motion was made by Robert Miller on behalf of the Finance Committee, seconded and so voted to remove the Highway Loader for \$215,000.00 from the Capital Budget.**

Beth Reynolds	Aye
Steve Klein	Aye
Robert Miller	Aye
Barbara Marchione	Aye
Jane Fuccillo	Aye
Doug Newman	Abstained
John Pshenishny	Abstained

The Select Board did not agree to this motion and Chuck Loring, Highway Superintendent discussed the importance of the new loader to the town.

**A motion was made by Tara White on behalf of the Select Board, seconded and so voted to keep the Highway Loader in the Capital Budget at \$215,000.00 and remove the Highway Pickup at \$70,000.00 and the Tractor Plow at \$11,000.00, for a total savings of \$81,000.00.**

Mark Carson	Aye
Tara White	Aye
Bill West	Aye

Barbara Marchione requested that the Finance Committee rescind their motion and discuss further.

**A motion was made by Doug Newman on behalf of the Finance Committee, seconded and so voted to keep the Highway Loader in the Capital Budget at \$215,000.00 and remove the Highway Pickup at \$70,000.00 and the Tractor Plow at \$11,000.00, for a total savings of \$81,000.00.**

Beth Reynolds	Abstained
Steve Klein	Abstained
Robert Miller	Nay
Barbara Marchione	Aye
Jane Fuccillo	Aye
Doug Newman	Aye
John Pshenishny	Aye

Mari then reviewed the proposed changes to the Operating Budget that was made by the Select Board at their last meeting. The current reductions totaled \$28,028.00. The

total “adds” came in at \$1,183.00. The current “overage” that would have to be made up by taxes would be \$85,717.00. With the proposed additions and reductions, the current “overage” was decreased to \$58,872.00. This will still be above the 2 ½ % tax increase for next year but since it is coming out from Excess Capacity, it will not need town vote to pass a proposition 2½ override..

**A motion was made by Doug Newman on behalf of the Finance Committee, seconded and so voted to approve the proposed changes to the Operating Budget dated April 10, 2023 as presented by the Select Board.**

Beth Reynolds	Aye
Steve Klein	Aye
Robert Miller	Aye
Barbara Marchione	Aye
Jane Fuccillo	Aye
Doug Newman	Aye
John Pshenishny	Aye

**A motion was made by Tara White on behalf of the Select Board, seconded and so voted so voted to approve the proposed changes to the Operating Budget dated April 10, 2023 as presented by the Select Board.**

Mark Carson	Aye
Tara White	Aye
Bill West	Aye

Mari reminded everyone that Town Meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm and they should all be there as they may be asked to speak.

She also advised that it is customary for the Finance Committee to produce a “Budget Packet” presentation before May 1<sup>st</sup> so that it can be distributed to the voters. Beth Reynold and Mari will work on getting that complete.

Barbara then acknowledged Robert and Steve and thanked them for all their help over the years as they are not running for reelection in May.

Mari then advised the Finance Committee that the joint meeting of the Select Board and the Finance Committee could be adjourned as the Select Board had further agenda items to discuss that was not pertinent to the Finance Committee.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 7:27 p.m.**

#### Review and Approve Warrant Articles

Mari reviewed the Warrant Articles with the Select Board which included all the items discussed in the Capital Budget. In addition she will have to re-run the Article regarding the proposed layout of Keyes Hill Road because it was voted on last year but it has

expired. The last Article to be added to the Warrant is requested by the NM Historical Committee with regard to the Structure Demolition by-law. The attorney general's office deemed that the fine was not legal at \$500.00 and must be lowered to \$300.00 fine.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the two additional Articles to be added to the FY24 Warrant with regard to the re-running of the Article regarding the proposed layout of Keyes Hill Road because it was voted on last year and it has expired and the additional Article to amend the fine on the Structure Demolition by-law from \$500.00, to \$300.00.**

<b>Mark Carson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tara White</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bill West</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mari then advised the Board that she will draft the Warrant and send it to Tara for review so that the Board vote to approve and sign it at their next scheduled Select Board meeting, currently scheduled for Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

**Recommendation and Authorization for Berkshire Municipal Aggregation-Electricity**

Mari reminded the Board that the electric supply is going out for area bid and all the towns in the aggregate will have to agree on the supplier and the term length tomorrow. She is requesting approval from the board to authorize her to make this decision and sign on behalf of the Board. A reminder that residents are automatically opted into this program and will not need to change anything. If they opted out, they can choose to opt in at any time. Information is posted on [www.newmarlboroughma.gov](http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov).

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Mari Enoch to sign the Berkshire Municipal Aggregation Electricity Contract provided that it is not higher than 17 cents per kW.**

<b>Mark Carson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tara White</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bill West</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Mari Enoch to choose the Standard Electric Supply or the Retail Supply through purchase of National Wind Recs. as the supplemental power supply for the town.**

<b>Mark Carson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tara White</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bill West</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Town Administrator Updates  
Town Meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

DIY Workshop on “Climate Proof Your Home” is Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the NM Firehouse. Registration is required.

Select Board Updates

With regard to the Hartsville Rd erosion project, the property is being surveyed this week.

Administrative: Payroll and Vendor Warrants, Business Licenses, Other  
Payroll and Vendor warrants need to be signed.

Mari provided the contract for the bid for Heavy Equipment Rental that was awarded at the last Select Board meeting to Joe Wilkinson Excavating for FY24.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve and sign the Heavy Rental Equipment contract from Joe Wilkinson Excavating for FY24.**

Mark Carson	Aye
Tara White	Aye
Bill West	Aye

Review and approve minutes of previous meetings  
No minutes were reviewed at this time.

Public Comments  
None.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:47 p.m.**

Submitted by Michelle Castellano, Administrative Secretary

Date approved by the Select Board: May 8, 2023

Date approved by the Finance Committee: May 25, 2023