

**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – 5:30 PM
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Tyler Ward, Bill Taylor, Bill Kennedy

Also Present: Nicole MacStay, Lilli Gilligan, Danica Melone, Seth MacLean, Chief Scott Guinard, Lisa Koziell-Betz, Fash Farashahi, Corinne Chronopoulos, Julia Chidester, Alison Kreutz

Budget Committee: Carl Mabbs-Zeno, Mandy Sliver, Rick Lesser, Ron McIntire, Don Parkhurst, Leslie Lewis, Mary Clark, Al Lenos, Andrew Osterman

The meeting was broadcast live on Ustream, YouTube, and Channel 22 (Comcast).

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting at 5:31 PM (Chair Ward was not yet present, but arrived shortly afterward).

Affordable Housing Subcommittee – Authorization to Apply for AARP Challenge Grant

Carol Nelson and James Kelly were there to represent the Affordable Housing Subcommittee. Ms. Nelson explained that they wished to request Select Board support to apply for annual AARP Challenge Grant for an ADU design competition. Deadline to submit for the grant is March 15th.

Town Planner Danica Melone said the application “was ready to go,” but wanted to ensure the Select Board approved.

Mr. Kennedy said his understanding was that this grant would be for pre-approved designs for ADU buildings that people could purchase at a reasonable price.

Town Planner Danica Melone confirmed. She explained that several plans could be kept on file available for residents to license for about \$1,000, which could significantly reduce costs for adding an ADU to their property.

From the audience, Budget Committee member Leslie Lewis asked how people will be notified about the availability of the plans.

Ms. Melone answered that the Affordable Housing Subcommittee will be holding two ADU seminars in June, at which they could advertise that plans would be available sometime in September. There will also be regular outreach like social media, local paper, and Town website.

Motion: Mr. Taylor made a motion to authorize Danica Melone to apply for the AARP Challenge Grant.

Vote: Mr. Kennedy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vote to Approve Expenditure from Fire Department Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve \$11,802.75 expenditure from the Fire Department Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and installation of Turnout Gear Dryer.

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Lewis asked if this was something that could be moved to the new fire house.

Ms. MacStay confirmed that the dryer was portable.

Mr. Haring-Smith asked if the dryer was electric.

Ms. MacStay confirmed.

Vote to Approve Expenditure from Helen Brown Fund

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve \$70,000 expenditure from Helen Brown Fund to be used for ambulance lease payment.

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Taylor called a recess at 5:38 PM

Meeting reconvened at 6:00 PM. Chair Ward pointed out that many Department Directors were in attendance.

Budget Committee Chair Carl Mabbs-Zeno introduced the present members of the Budget Committee: Mandy Sliver, Rick Lesser, Ron McIntire, Don Parkhurst, Leslie Lewis, Mary Clark, Al Lenos, and Andrew Osterman.

Motion: Select Board Chair Tyler Ward made a motion to enter public hearing on the Annual Town Budget.

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – Annual Town Budget

Ms. MacStay reviewed tax rate estimates for FY2024, assuming the Budget and all other warrant articles were passed. She noted that the information would be very similar to what was presented at the February 7th meeting but included the updates to the budget.

The total to raise and appropriate is \$10,317,246.00. If no fund balance was used and there was no increase to the Town's total assessed value, the town portion of the tax rate would be \$11.68 (increase of \$2.51). If no fund balance was used and there was a 10% increase to the Town's total assessed value, the town portion of the tax rate would be \$10.62 (increase of \$1.45). If \$500,000 of fund balance was used and there was a 10% increase to the Town's total assessed value, the town portion of the tax rate would be \$10.10 (increase of \$0.93). If \$500,000 of fund balance was used and there was a 15% increase to the Town's total assessed value, the town portion of the tax rate would be \$9.66 (increase of \$0.49).

Ms. MacStay then provided a summary of the Budget process:

- In September 2022, Town Staff began the process of creating a draft Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Staff were advised to propose responsible budgets which sought to fund the services the Town currently provides as they are being provided through this year's budget. Special consideration was given to staff retention, filling vacant positions, and preparing for known retirements.
- In fall 2022, staff met with the Capital Improvements Committee and developed a forward-looking Capital Improvements Plan that avoids debt service and leases.
- In November 2022, staff met with the Select Board to review economic conditions and set the basis for the FY 2024 Budget. There was consideration of electricity, diesel, gasoline, heating fuel, propane & wood pellet costs; health insurance, pension, property, liability and workers compensation insurance costs; and COLA and Merit recommendations based on Northeast Consumer Price Index and 2023 Social Security COLA increase.
- In December 2022, a complete draft of the total budget was posted on Town website and submitted to the Select Board and Budget Committee.
- In January 2023, Town Staff presented their proposed budgets to the Select Board and Budget Committee at joint meetings.
- On February 28, 2023, Budget Committee and Select Board accepted the Proposed Budget and voted to move it to Public Hearing.

She then explained that the Proposed Total Budget is made up of multiple budgets managed with four different fund types, each with different funding sources:

- The General Fund budget is funded by fees and taxation and voted on at Town Meeting.
- The Water and Wastewater budgets are Enterprise Funds (100% user fees).
- The Ambulance Service budget is a Revolving Fund, funded 80% by user fees (insurance, self-pay & municipal customers) and 20% by Separate Warrant Article voted on at Town Meeting.
- The Recreation budget is also partially supported by a Revolving Fund, funded 100% by user fees.
- Public/Education/Government (PEG) Station Revolving Fund is 100% supported by Comcast TV franchise fees.
- Pay as you Throw Special Revenue Fund is 100% supported by the purchase of Pay-as-you-Throw bags and is voted on by Separate Warrant Article at Town Meeting.

She reviewed the main drivers of cost in the budget:

- Energy Costs

- Diesel – \$3.52/gallon
- Gasoline – \$2.99/gallon
- Wood Pellets - \$239.99/ton
- Propane - \$2.73/gallon
- Heating Oil - \$4.95/gallon
- Debt Service – Increase of \$89,177
- Personnel Costs – Increase of \$1,327,112

Actual expenditure increase is \$1,217,471.00

Ms. MacStay then reviewed estimated revenues. All revenues in the Proposed Budget are estimates based on what has been actually received. Proposed Revenue Budget sheets include windfall grants received in the current budget (FY '23) that will not be ongoing revenues, and were not in the FY '23 budget presented a year ago. Showing them as a comparison to the proposed FY '24 budget makes comparison of FY '23 to FY '24 appear more dramatic than it actually is.

She reviewed the net changes by department. Across all departments, personnel costs were a main driver of increases. Proposed COLA (5%) and Merit (3.7%) have been applied to all budgets. The COLA is applied to every employee's hourly rate, and merit is assigned after the employee has been evaluated and it is determined if they have met or exceeded expectations and goals. Any excess in the Merit pool will be used to make market rate adjustments to hourly rates after a salary survey has been completed. A survey of area towns was done to see what other municipalities were offering for increases.

She explained how changes in the employment market have had an impact on the numbers. Governments are competing with private sector for the same employee, and government benefits are no longer attractive enough to make up for lower wages. The wages offered by the Town have not kept up. She shared that Jaffrey is hiring for an entry level Police Officer at \$58,281-\$60,050. Starting salary for the same position in Peterborough is \$49,046.

Ms. MacStay continued that the goal is employee retention. Employees in every department are highly skilled and cross-trained, making them more valuable, as employees who can do more are worth more, and save the Town money. Staff have replaced more expensive outside contract work. Keeping wages competitive keeps them with the Town, and when employees do leave, competitive wages attract new employees.

In summary, she said the costs to provide the same services at the same level has gone up; significant changes in the employment market require more resources to retain and attract staff; funding succession planning is necessary to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of services as part-time retirees have left or are leaving & positions are being converted back to full-time; and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee has recommended a robust funding schedule to avoid future bonding and leasing, and allow for smoothing of the year-to-year appropriation of funds for large capital purchases. Overall, the Department Directors have brought forward very responsible budget.

Mr. Lenos asked about the decrease in Water & Sewer.

Mrs. Gilligan said the first payment for Cold Stone Springs will not be due this upcoming fall, but in the fall 2024, so that has been moved out.

Chair Ward added that user fees would pay for that, not tax dollars.

Mrs. Gilligan confirmed.

Review of the Warrant and Votes to Recommend

Language for each article was displayed on the projector prior to voting.

Ms. MacStay said Article 1 is for the Election of Officers and Article 2 addresses proposed Zoning Amendments. She read Article 3 (Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 – \$14,791,950) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Million, Seven Hundred Ninety-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$14,791,950) for the support of General Municipal, Water, and Wastewater Operations. This represents the fiscal year 2024 budget period, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

Motion: Chair Ward made a motion to recommend Article 3.

Vote: All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

Motion: Ms. Clark made a motion to recommend Article 3.

Vote: Mr. Lesser seconded. Mr. Osterman opposed, all others in favor. Recommended 8-1.

Ms. MacStay read Article 4 (Pay-As-You-Throw Special Revenue Fund – \$131,000) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$131,000) for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Town's Pay-As-You-Throw program, with said funds to come from Pay-As-You-Throw Special Revenue Fund and no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 9-0.

Ms. MacStay read Article 5 (Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds – \$764,700) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$764,700) to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve and expendable trust funds:

- *Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500) to be placed in the GIS Capital Reserve Fund*
- *Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in the Police Department Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund*
- *Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000) Fire Department Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund*
- *One Thousand Two Hundred (\$1,200) to be placed in the Winter Operations Expendable Trust Fund*
- *Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) to be placed in the Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund*
- *Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to be placed in the Recreation Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund*
- *Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Adams Pool Improvement Capital Reserve Fund*

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

Mr. Osterman opposed, all others in favor. Recommended 8-1.

Mr. McIntire asked about the distinction between Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds, and who controls them.

Ms. MacStay said the funds are put into the custody of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, but depending on how they were established, the Select Board or Library Trustees might be the agents to expend. If not established, it falls to Town Meeting to be the agents to expend.

Regarding Capital Reserves and Expendable Trust Funds, Capital Reserve is set aside for specific purposes and Expendable Trust Funds are more open-ended.

Ms. MacStay read Article 6 (Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund – \$400,000) aloud:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to be placed in the previously established Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 9-0.

Ms. MacStay read Article 7 (Upper Hall Expendable Trust Fund - \$5,000) aloud:

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of an Expendable Trust Fund (pursuant to RSA 31:19-a) to be known as the "Upper Hall Expendable Trust Fund" for the purpose of retaining funds for the orderly repair and upkeep of the Upper Hall of the Peterborough Town House and its associated spaces and designate the Select Board as agents to expend; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the unrestricted fund balance. No amount to be raised through taxation.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 9-0.

Ms. MacStay read Article 8 (Bridges, Culverts, and Dams Expendable Trust Fund - \$237,830) aloud:

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of an Expendable Trust Fund (pursuant to RSA 31:19-a) to be known as the "Bridges, Culverts and Dams Expendable Trust Fund" for the purpose of retaining funds for the orderly repair, replacement, and upkeep of existing bridges, culverts and dams, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$237,830), to come from the proceeds of the Unanticipated Bridge Aid accepted by the Select Board at a Public Hearing held on December 20, 2022, to be used for this purpose; no amount to be raised through taxation.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 9-0.

Ms. MacStay read Article 9 (Ambulance Service Revolving Fund – \$450,834) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$450,834) to be placed in the Ambulance Service Revolving Fund. This amount represents the Town of Peterborough's share of the cost to operate the 911 Emergency Response Ambulance Service for calendar year 2023.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

Mr. Osterman opposed, all others in favor. Recommended 8-1.

Ms. MacStay read Article 10 (Facilities and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund) aloud:

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) to be known as the "Facilities and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of retaining funds for the orderly repair, replacement, and upkeep of existing Facilities and Buildings and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

No Budget Committee vote needed.

Ms. MacStay read Article 11 (Terms of Compensation for Elected Officials – \$5,250) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the annual terms of compensation for the elected Supervisors of the Checklist as follows:

- *Supervisor of the Checklist from \$2,250 to \$3,000 in a regular election year or \$4,000 in an election year that includes State or Federal elections, plus \$1,000 in the year that the voter-list purge occurs once every ten years. There are three elected Supervisors of the Checklist. This provision is for each Supervisor of the Checklist.*

And, furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,250) as the cost associated with this warrant article for fiscal year 2024.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 9-0.

Ms. MacStay read Article 12 (Terms of Compensation for Elected Town Clerk) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the terms of compensation for the elected Town Clerk as follows:

A newly elected Town Clerk shall begin service with a salary level equal to the minimum Executive Salary Structure Grade Level 6, and benefits including Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Pension, Life Insurance, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability Insurance, and Social Security. After the completion of each year of service the Town Clerk shall receive a salary increase equal to the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increase approved at the prior Town Meeting.

Where applicable, all provisions of this warrant article shall be afforded the current Town Clerk.

Ms. MacStay said this article would be “setting in stone” how the Town Clerk is compensated.

Town Clerk Linda Guyette said she would like to see merit added.

Chair Ward asked how much of the merit, and how would it be gauged?

Mr. Taylor said that each year merit for each employee is gauged by Department Heads, whose merit is gauged by the Town Administrator.

Chair Ward asked if anyone would like to amend the article as presented.

Chair Mabbs-Zeno said merit could be given, but it should be voted on annually by the Town.

Ms. Guyette asked if the benefits were fully paid.

Ms. MacStay confirmed that, as the article is written, benefits are 100% paid.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

Mr. Osterman opposed, all others in favor. Recommended 8-1.

Ms. MacStay read Article 13 (Cost of Living Adjustment and Merit Increase for Elected Town Clerk - \$8,297) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$8,297) to award the current Town Clerk a Cost of Living Adjustment and merit-based salary increase and pay all associated increases to taxes and benefits.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote:

Mr. Osterman opposed, all others in favor. Recommended 8-1.

Ms. MacStay read Article 14 (Establish a Town Forest) aloud:

To see if the Town will vote to designate the following Town-owned properties located off of Greenfield Road as a Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110

- 1) Parcel ID No. U008-034-100 taken by Tax Deed in 1993
- 2) Parcel ID No. U008-034-200 taken by Tax Deed in 1993
- 3) Parcel ID No. U008-034-300 taken by Tax Deed in 1993

And further, to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the property in accordance with RSA 31:112, and to authorize the placement of any proceeds that may accrue from forest management in the Conservation Commission Account to accumulate pursuant to RSA 31:113. Once established, the Town Forest cannot be abolished in whole or in part without a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting.

Chair Ward asked if unconnected parcels could be added to the Town Forest (if established) at a later time. Ms. MacStay answered that those would be considered a new forest.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:
All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

No Budget Committee vote needed.

Ms. MacStay read Article 15 (Readopt the Optional Veterans Tax Credit) aloud:
To see if the town will vote to readopt the Optional Veterans Tax Credit for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.00 per year in accordance with RSA 72:28, II. If the credit is not readopted it will reset to the \$50.00 per year minimum.

Mr. Kennedy asked for confirmation that \$750 was the same amount as last year. Ms. MacStay confirmed.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:
All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

No Budget Committee vote needed.

Ms. MacStay read Article 16 (Readopt the All Veterans Tax Credit) aloud:
To see if the Town will vote to readopt the All Veterans Tax Credit for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.00 per year in accordance with RSA 72:28-b. If the credit is not readopted it will reset to the \$50.00 per year minimum.

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:
All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

No Budget Committee vote needed.

Ms. MacStay read Article 17 (Revise the South Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District and Greater Downtown Tax Increment Finance District) aloud, excepting the individual parcel ID numbers:
To see if the town will vote to revise the South Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District to include the following parcels:

- R003-037-000
- R003-019-000
- R003-017-000
- R003-016-000
- R003-018-100
- R003-018-000
- R003-025-500
- R003-025-101
- R003-025-100
- R003-025-722
- R003-020-000
- R003-022-000
- R003-025-300
- R003-025-400
- R003-025-200
- R003-025-701
- R003-025-600
- R003-024-000

And further, to move parcel U022-035-000 from the Greater Downtown Tax Increment Finance District to the South Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District.

Ms. MacStay said a map will be available at the Ballot Session so voters can see the relevant parcels.

Mr. Kennedy said it was recommended by the EDA:

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:
All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

No Budget Committee vote needed.

Article 18 (Revise the Charter of the Advisory Budget Committee) was displayed on the projector:
To see if the Town will vote to revise the Charter of the Advisory Budget Committee as follows:

Mission Statement: The Peterborough Advisory Budget Committee (hereinafter "Budget Committee") mission is to provide the community, the Select Board, and the Town Administration with independent review and objective analysis of the proposed annual Town budget. The Budget Committee assists voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds by recommending whether to accept the proposed annual budget so as to meet the present and future needs of the Town.

- A. *The Peterborough Budget Committee shall be composed of nine members elected to three-year terms. If a member resigns before his or her term expires, a replacement member shall be appointed to serve until the next Town Meeting ballot session at which time the voters will elect a replacement to fill the resignee's term, pursuant to RSA:32:15, VII, per RSA 669:71.*
- B. *The nine elected members shall, on an annual basis, elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and a secretary from among themselves.*
- C. *A quorum of five members is required for the Budget Committee to conduct a meeting.*
- D. *To allow time for appropriate review, the Budget Committee should be informed when possible of any matter requiring its attention thirty days prior to any initial Town Meeting session, but no less than two weeks prior to said meeting. In order to allow the Budget Committee sufficient time to evaluate and advise on the upcoming budget, the department heads shall present a budget request for the ensuing year to the Budget Committee no later than March 15th of each year, and the Town Administrator shall present a final budget proposal before the Budget Committee votes on its recommendation to Town voters.*
- E. *It shall be the duty of the Budget Committee to:*
 1. *Explain at each Town Meeting the tax impact of monies authorized by ballot or proposed for consideration at Town Meeting.*
 2. *Review and evaluate warrant articles based on short and long term financial ramifications, and make recommendations to the Town Administration pertaining to same.*
 3. *Withhold recommendations to voters only if there is insufficient information for making a recommendation.*
 4. *Report on the ballot the votes among Budget Committee members on whether to support, not support, recuse or abstain for all ballot items and on all items at Town Meeting that would authorize raising and appropriating monies. The position of individual Budget Committee members will not be reported to voters unless solicited from the floor at Town Meeting.*
- F. *The Select Board, the Budget Committee, and Department Heads shall be required to work cooperatively with each other as far as practicable to ensure that the budgetary process is undertaken in a manner to best serve the community's needs.*
- G. *The Select Board and the Budget Committee shall meet jointly to evaluate the recommendations of the Department Heads, and to discuss, where warranted, any budgetary matters related to the upcoming budget. Subsequent to the presentation of the final budget request by the Town Administrator, the Select Board and the Budget Committee will meet in joint session to record their recommendations to voters.*
- H. *Being a public body, the Budget Committee is subject to the Right-To-Know Law (RSA:91) and is required to conduct all of its meetings in a manner which is open to the public; post notice of its meetings; keep minutes of its meetings and have those minutes available for public inspection in the Select Board's Office within six days of its meetings; or take any other action relating thereto.*

Select Board Vote to recommend this article:

All in favor. Recommended 3-0.

Budget Committee Vote to recommend this article:

Mr. Osterman opposed, all others in favor. Recommended 8-1.

With the votes to recommend concluded, Ms. MacStay asked if the Select Board would like any of the Articles to go to Open Session, rather than be on the ballot.

Chair Ward asked for confirmation that no items were required to go to Open Session by law.

Ms. MacStay confirmed.

Mr. Parkhurst said there would be no need to even have an Open Session, assuming the Budget passed at the Ballot Session.

Ms. MacStay said technically there still needed to be one, but the moderator could open the Open Session, pass over the warrant articles, and then close the Open Session.

Motion: Mr. Taylor made a motion to move all items to the Ballot Session.

Vote: Mr. Kennedy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Clark asked if any petition warrant articles had been received at this point.

Ms. MacStay said there had been some received for zoning amendments, but none that require bonding or cost more than \$100,000.

Ms. Sliver asked when filing period for officers is.

Ms. Guyette answered that filing opens on March 22nd and runs through March 31st.

Mr. Lesser asked if there are any expectations of any revenue coming through in FY2024 via infrastructure bills.

Ms. MacStay said there is a state bill that could potentially provide some more funding for bridges, but said she doesn't know of any funds coming from the Federal government.

Motion: Chair Ward made a motion to close the public hearing.

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vote to Approve Minutes of the Joint Select Board/Budget Committee Meetings of February 21, 2023

Motion: Chair Ward made a motion to approve the Select Board portion of the Minutes of the Joint Select Board/Budget Committee Meetings of February 21, 2023.

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Lesser made a motion to approve the Budget Committee portion of the Minutes of the Joint Select Board/Budget Committee Meetings of February 21, 2023.

Vote: Ms. Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

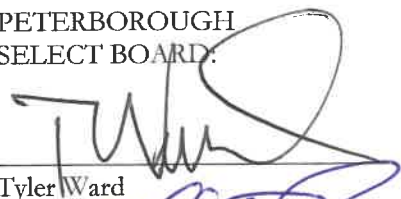
Motion: Ms. Sliver made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Vote: Ms. Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

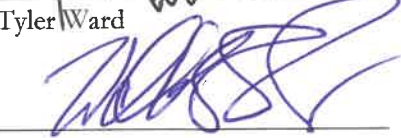
Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Kreutz, Assistant to The Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:



Tyler Ward



Bill Taylor



William Kennedy

BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR:



Carl Mabbs-Zeno

