

WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Present: Donna Hopkins, Bryan Flagg, Suzanne Flagg, Kaitlin Baker, John Semertgakis, Arthur Heath, Sheila Foote, Michael Galli, Amber Kingsbury, Charlene Matthews, and Teri Wyman, Laurie Melanson, Kathy Ducharme

Chairman Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Charles Sackett and Todd Bixby were present. Shirley McCartin arrived at 6:10 PM.

Chairman Sackett welcomed and thanked the public for attending the public budget hearing.

The Selectboard presented the MS 636, MS 535, Line-Item Budgets for 2021, 2022, and 2023, as well as, a summary of the Trust Funds.

The Board began review of the 2023 budget by warrant article.

The Town Administrator mentioned that the Town Hall floor refinishing article should be \$4,500 instead of \$2,500. Chairman Sackett sought a motion to amend the article. *T. Bixby moved approval of the amendment. The motion was seconded by S. McCartin. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes; McCartin-yes and Bixby-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0*

S. Foote noted that the request amount for Tri-County Cap was \$1,650 instead of \$1,850. The Administrator noted that the change had been made in the warrant. The Administrator also noted that the request for Voices against Violence was included at \$550.

Kaitlyn Baker inquired about the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service request. K. Baker asked what the Town of Wentworth paid to Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service. The Town Administrator replied that the request submitted to Wentworth was \$105,000.

The Town Administrator briefly explained the need to re-adopt the Veteran's Credit. The Administrator also explained the proposed modifications to Warren's elderly exemption income thresholds.

The Chairman of the Board asked if there were any additional questions or comments about the budget or warrant articles. Seeing no further questions, Chairman Sackett indicated it was now time to discuss the school district budget.

Selectman Sackett moved to approve the budget as amended and adjournment of the budget hearing for the Town at 6:35 PM. The motion was seconded by T. Bixby. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes; McCartin-yes and Bixby-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by Austin Albro