

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023
Mexico Town Office
Calvin Lyons Hall**

Attendance:

Selectmen: Tj Williams, Richie Philbrick, Randy Canwell, Cliff Stewart, Peter Merrill.

Budget Committee: Anita Buffett, Mabel Merrill, Barbara Arsenault, Peter DeFillip, Jamie O'Leary.

Other: Raquel Welch (Town Manager), Mat Theriault (Fire Chief & CEO), Marilla Couch (Librarian).

Richie Philbrick opened the meeting at 6:30.

Pledge of Allegiance

^^Anita Buffett made a motion to appoint Jamie O'Leary chair of the budget committee, seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

^^Peter made a motion to accept article 3 as written, seconded by Cliff. All in favor

^^Mabel made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Anita. All in favor.

ARTICLE 3: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$406,872.61 FOR ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

FICA/Unemployment/WC/IP	\$18622.81
Health Insurance	\$118,157.76
Wages	\$203,267.04
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$66,825.00

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 4 as written, seconded by Randy. All in favor

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Anita. All in favor.

ARTICLE 4: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$166178.92 FOR RECREATION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

FICA/UE/WC/IP	\$9817.69
Health Insurance	\$3000.00
Wages	\$88,920.00
RECREATION BUILDING	\$52,290.00
RECREATION PARK	\$12,151.23

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 5 as written, seconded by Richie. All in favor

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$699007.14 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

FICA/Unemployment/WC/IP	\$63,486.73
Health Insurance	\$147,697.20
Maine State Retirement	\$29,104.83

Wages	\$376618.38
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$82,100.00

^^Peter made a motion to accept article 6 as written, seconded by Randy. All in favor

^^Mabel made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

ARTICLE 6: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$445,396.21 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

FICA/Unemployment/WC/IP	\$51,188.90
Health Insurance	\$88,618.32
Wages	\$219,842.92
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$80,330.00
EMERG MGEMENT FICA/UE/WC	\$503.51
Emerg Mgement Wages	\$1,912.56
Emerg Mgement	\$3,000.00

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 7 as written, seconded by Cliff. All in favor

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Mabel. All in favor.

ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$234,800.00 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

STREET LIGHTS	\$ 50,000.00
FIRE PROTECTION(HYDRANTS)	184,800.00

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 8 as written, seconded by Cliff. All in favor

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

ARTICLE 8: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$146,378.85 FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

FICA/UE/IP/WC	\$696.54
Wages	\$5954.31
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 15,000.00
MED-CARE AMBULANCE	\$104,728.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$20,000.00

^^Richie made a motion to accept article 9 as written, seconded by Peter M.. All in favor

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$1,662.50 FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

ANDRO HOME CARE AND HOSPICE	\$ 150.00
HOPE ASSOCIATION	150.00
SENIOR PLUS	50.00
GIRLS STATE	400.00
FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS	150.00
BOYS STATE	400.00
RIVER VALLEY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES	150.00
WESTERN ME VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMM.	112.50

MPBN	50.00
SAFE VOICES	50.00

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 10 as written, seconded by Richie. All in favor

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

ARTICLE 10: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$324,473.08 FOR SOLID WASTE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

NORSWB	\$235,389.00
WASTE COLLECTION	\$62,400.80
RECYCLING	\$19,280.80
SPRING CLEAN-UP Ins	\$1,227.28
Spring Clean up wages	\$6,175.20

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 11 as written, seconded by Richie. 4-1 motion carried.

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Anita. All in favor.

ARTICLE 11: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$763,053.92 FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

FICA/UE/IP/WC	\$66,706.62
Health Ins	\$147,697.20
Maine State Retirement	\$28,054.06
Wages	\$307,446.04
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$15,250.00
SUMMER ROADS	\$52,400.00
WINTER ROADS	\$145,500.00

^^Richie made a motion to accept article 12 as written, seconded by Peter. All in favor

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Barbara. All in favor.

ARTICLE 12: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$38,811.16 FOR THE LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

FICA/UE/WC/IP	\$1648.72
Wages	\$18,757.44
Library	\$18,405.00

^^Richie made a motion to accept article 13 as written, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

^^Jamie made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Mabel. All in favor.

ARTICLE 13: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$108,900.00 FOR INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 14 as written, seconded by Richie. All in favor.

^^Jamie made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Peter. All in favor.

ARTICLE 14: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$220178.95 FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

ROAD BOND	151,548.56
ROAD BOND	66630.39
BOND OVERAGE	2,000.00

^^Richie made a motion to accept article 15 as written, seconded by Peter M. All in favor.

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Mabel. All in favor.

ARTICLE 15: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$97727.91 FOR UNCLASSIFIED/MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

CODE ENFORCEMENT FICA/WC/UE	\$ 2,234.95
Wages	\$20,792.96
CEO EXPENSE	2,000.00
MEMORIAL GREEN	500.00
MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	3,200.00
IRA	34,000.00
CONTINGENT	18,000.00
TRAVEL/TRAINING	2,000.00
LEGAL EXPENSES	6,800.00
AVCOG	2,700.00
PLANNING/APPEALS BOARD	2,000.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3,500.00

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 16 as written, seconded by Richie. All in favor.

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to recommend yes, seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

ARTICLE 16: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$135500.00 FOR RESERVE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

Road Construction	110,500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	25,000.00

^^Jamie made a motion to accept article 18 as written, seconded by Anita. 4-1 motion carried.

^^Cliff made a motion for the selectmen to recommend yes, seconded by Richie. All in favor.

ARTICLE 18: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO SET THE INTEREST RATE ON LATE TAXES AT 5% FOR FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

^^Peter M. made a motion to accept article 19 as written, seconded by Richie. All in favor

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept a donation or donations to supplement a specific appropriation already made, to reduce the tax assessment, or to reduce the permanent debt.

^^Richie made a motion for the select board to adjourn at 7:15, seconded by Peter M. All in favor.

^^Peter D. made a motion for the budget committee to adjourn at 7:15, seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

Date


TJ Williams- Chair


Richie Philbrick- Vice Chair


Cliff Stewart


Peter Merrill


Randy Canwell