

Milford Budget Advisory Committee/BOS
Approved Minutes
January 3, 2024

Present: BAC

Chris Pank, Karen Mitchell, Mike Thornton, Wade Campbell(via Zoom) and Peg Seward (via Zoom)

BOS

Gary Daniels, Chris Labonte, Tim Finan, Paul Dargie and David Freel

Absent: None

Guests: Lincoln Daley (Town Administrator)

Paul Calabria (Finance Director)

Leo Lessard (DPW Director)

Chief Viola (Police)

Karen Blow (HR Director)

Kathy Parenti(Library Trustee)

Business: Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Gary Daniels

Town Budget

- Overall rate inclusive of warrants currently down to an increase of 4.7%
- Roads – there is a plan in place to continuously increase each year as well as increases in several budget lines

Wadleigh Electrical System

- Selectman Freel wants more information regarding the need of a 800 amp vs. a 600 amp. and whether is it really a safety issue that needs to be addressed in 2024
- The Library Trustees are an elected body that has decided to take their need to the taxpayers
 - o The BOS can take the warrant off, but should let the taxpayers decide

Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day warrant – discussion around whether or not to absorb this warrant into the budget as it is a majority for details

- Should the parade warrants be combined?

Pumpkin Festival

- BOS adding 20k warrant
 - o Details usually around 23k – this year coming in at 39k
 - PF cannot happen without the warrant help

HR Part Time Position

- Long discussion around the need for this position so that Karen Blow can have the time to fulfill her job as well. Currently working hours well beyond the normal schedule and still unable to get everything completed.
- Motion by Tim Finan to add 10k back into the budget to fund this position – motion approved 4-1

Fireworks

- Motion by Gary Daniels to remove Fireworks warrant – motion approved 3-2

Deliberative Session will be Saturday, February 3, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary

