

# TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

## SELECT BOARD WORKSHOP

### MINUTES



Date: March 30, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

#### **I. Call workshop to Order and Establish a Quorum**

The workshop was called to order and a quorum was established by Select Board Chair, David Engler at 4:00 p.m. This was a zoom meeting to comply with the Governor's Executive Order. Select Board members participating were David Engler, Jeremy Cluchey, Thomas Walling, Mark Favreau, Peter Lewis (joined late) and Nicole Briand, Town Manager. Also attending was Marty Szydlowski, Financial Committee.

#### **II. Amendments to the Agenda**

No Amendments.

#### **III. Discuss Budget FY 2022**

Briand presented and discussed proposed the proposed budget FY 2022. She stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the drivers of the significant increase in the budget. The Financial Committee is seeking the Select Board's input for finalizing the proposed budget.

Briand discussed increases in the budget including Personnel and Administrative, Professional Services and IT and support. She discussed the significant increase in General Services and Debt Services due largely to a \$25,000 increase in the Ambulance Contract and the Bond payment schedule. Also discussed were the Planning and Codes, Recreation, Fire & Rescue, Public Works and Solid Waste and Recycling budgets.

On Capital Projects, the Board advised Briand and Szydlowski to prioritize Carding Machine Road and Dingley Road improvements.

#### **IV. Comments from Select Board members**

Cluchey remarked that he would rather be conservative on the Bond put forward by the Town for the Capital Improvements, keeping it closer to \$600,000 than \$1,000,000.

Walling remarked that he would like to tackle some of the projects that have been put off for a long time and may begin to cause problems.

## **V. Comments from the Public**

Wendy Rose inquired about the new financial structure of the Historical Society as a Public/Private Partnership with the Town.

Ms. Rose also mentioned that the Town Office renovations were proposed due to the Fire Marshall's Safety Report. She stated that much of the design work has been done and the building needs to be safe for the staff.

## **VI. Adjourn**

Adjournment was at 6:24 p.m.

Select Board

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

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David Engler, Chair

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Jeremy Cluchey, Vice-Chair

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Peter Lewis

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Thomas Walling

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Mark Favreau

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly Hodson, Administrative Assistant