

**TOWN OF WINCHESTER  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 11, 2019  
Record**

**OPENING**

Chairman Lance R. Grenzeback called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM in Room A101 located in Winchester High School. Present were Selectman Michael Bettencourt, Selectman David P. Errico and Selectman Jacqueline A. Welch. Vice Chairman Mariano Goluboff was absent. Also present was Town Manager Lisa Wong.

**NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS**

1. February 14, 2019 - Special Meeting
2. February 25, 2019 - Select Board - Regular Meeting

**Selectmen's Comments and Non-Docket Business**

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS**

**MATTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**COMPTROLLER'S REPORT**

**LICENSES**

**HEARINGS**

**BUSINESS**

**1. FY2020 Budget** - Selectman David Errico handed out copies of his budget that he will be presenting at the Town Meeting. It is a mid-level budget with the override at \$2 million capital and \$7.75 million general. It is an alternative.

Selectman Bettencourt asked if the budget uses free cash and Selectman Errico said not for the first three years. Education would get a 7.5% increase (3.79 million) over FY2019 and 5% increase for FY21 and 22.

Selectman Bettencourt asked if the 7.5% has any program additions and Selectman Errico said he believes that Dr. Evans can do some magic with the 7.5% to give teachers a raise and hire some teacher and get some programs she wants. There was a big ask in year one and 100% behind the schools trying to make the schools the best, but his budget is just cutting some of that back.

Selectman Bettencourt asked what the year over year increase was and it was discussed that it has ranged from 5-6% and depends on what was deferred to future years.

Selectman Welch asked if the total would be \$9.750 million and does it mean that \$3.9 million is non-education? Ms. Wong answered that it is "yes and no" and that the \$3.9 million includes education costs related to debt, health care, pension, building and energy. Selectman Welch says

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it's helpful to note what is hybrid. Chairman Grenzeback pointed out the pie chart that breaks out the categories.

Selectman Errico says that 20 people can come up with 20 budgets and believes there are opportunities like looking at transfer station fees and to look at the budget with a different perspective. He respects the different positions and get this out to the various groups to let them look.

Selectman Welch asks if it is Selectman Errico's perspective that the 7.5% is more than typical, and Selectman Errico concurred. He feels that Dr. Evans can work with his budget and make it work. Selectman Welch asked if the municipal side is less than the other budget and how much less and is it the same philosophy to let Ms. Wong determine her priorities. Selectman Errico said that the schools get a closer look to get the resources they need per the enrollment growth and have a story related to special ed, the enrollment and class sizes and that is why they are deserving for more than what they've had in the past. The municipal side is more in line with what they've had before. Ms. Wong said that under Selectman Errico's scenario we would only get 1.5 dispatchers and 2 van drivers, so not everything, but some increase. Selectman Errico said he looked at FinCom and Ms. Wong's budgets and there is room to grow on the revenue side, like the local receipts.

Selectman Welch said that this is the pie and they can choose what priorities and how to use the money. At the end of the day, there might be new state mandates and will use professional judgment and may not be able to get everything. Selectman Bettencourt said 5% year over year is still a lot of money. Selectman Errico said they asked for raises and more staff and maybe some things can be phased in and not the fault of the schools to ask for big numbers.

Selectman Welch asked if the board is meeting after the meeting tonight. There was discussion about the need to process the information from tonight. It was decided to meet on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

**CONSENT AGE NDA**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

**MEETING SCHEDULE AND AGENDA TOPICS**

**ADJOURNMENT : 7:25 PM**

\*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn to the floor of Town Meeting not to return to public session.

Bettencourt - Welch

Roll Call: Errico, Bettencourt, Welch, Grenzeback VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wong, Town Manager