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**SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
7:00PM
Conference Room A
AND
via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Select Board was called to order at 7:03pm by Chair Colleen Roy. In attendance were Chair Colleen Roy, Vice Chair Mat Often, and Ann Marie Foley. Clerk Andy Jefferson and Ray Mead were absent. Finance Committee members in attendance were Chair Mark Haddad, Vice Chair Greg Marr, Clerk Angelina Correia via Zoom, Skip Currier, Dan Cusher, Victoria Duckworth, Heather McCue via Zoom, and Sue Robbins. Staff in attendance were Town Administrator Evan Brassard, Finance Director Mary Lauria via Zoom, Assistant Town Administrator William Blake, and Administrative Assistant Amber Diffenderfer via Zoom.

Finance Committee's Public Hearing: Presentation of the FY24 Operating and Capital Budgets by the Town Administrator

Mr. Haddad read the legal notice, and the Finance Committee voted to open the public hearing.

Mr. Brassard gave the Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Operating Budget presentation.

Mr. Haddad invited the Board to attend the Finance Committee meetings in March.

Ms. Robbins and Mr. Haddad spoke on the importance of not allowing the Public Schools budget to be lower than the \$43.4M that Mr. Brassard presented.

Mr. Often asked Mr. Brassard to look into the trend of the Reserve Ratio and stated that if it is decreasing, he would like to see it as a budget priority next year. He also noted the growth in the police department's budget in recent years and suggested that the Committee look at the Override Capacity and Levy Capacity separately.

Mr. Haddad asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

The Finance Committee voted to close the public hearing.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm by Mr. Haddad and Ms. Roy.

Select Board meeting materials are available at: <https://www.grafton-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/Select-Board-4>

A recording of this meeting is available at: <https://youtu.be/kMMxqlqQVO>