

**Town of Haverhill
SELECTBOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES**

**Monday, February 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Robert E. Clifford Memorial Building**

Select Board Present:

Chair Phil Blanchard; members Rod O’Shana, Joe Longacre, Kevin Knapp, and Carolyn Hofmann. A quorum was met.

Town Employees Present:

Brigitte Codling, Town Manager
Jennifer Boucher, Assistant Town Manager
Jim McKinnon, Head of Maintenance
Michael Young, Road Agent

Members of the Public Present:

Mike Bonanno
Greg Mathieson
Mark Language
Darwin Clogston
Howard Hatch
Theresa Paige

Members of the Public Online:

Joanne Young
Leslie Ramsay
Brenda Jewett
Phillip Jewett
Bob Maccini
Phillip James
Delcia Vinnacombe
Dawn Lavoie
Skip Gadwah

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Manifest approval was added to the agenda.

MOTION #1: J. Longacre moved to approve the Agenda as amended. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion passed unanimously.

MANIFEST APPROVAL

MOTION #2: J. Longacre moved to approve the Manifest. C. Hofmann seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion passed unanimously.

USE OF FACILITY

B. Codling explained there is a request to use the facility to raise money for a Little League field and waive the fee of \$450 per day.

MOTION #3: R. O'Shana moved to waive the facility use fee for the Mills Memorial Field Fund. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Chair Blanchard explained this is a budget workshop and no public comment will be taken to expedite moving through the recommendations.

B. Codling presented the 2024 proposed budget, revenues, supplemental fund accounting of unanticipated revenues, and warrant articles, noting that a few minor modifications were made through the Advisory Budget Committee (ABC) process. Warrant articles can be submitted through 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2024.

She noted the operating budget has increased by \$287,505. There is a reduction in revenue of \$228,601. This will result in approximately \$516,000 in increased taxation. She reviewed the contributing factors to these figures. There is also approximately \$750,000 proposed in warrant articles.

She presented changes to the operating budget as recommended by staff. These include moving the highway garage from a warrant article to the budget, increasing the voting machine allocation, and reducing the health insurance cost. She also reviewed recommended changes to the Police

Department budget, including wages, bonuses, and overtime training. Changes were recommended to the airport and highway budgets as well as general assistance and libraries.

B. Codling also noted warrant articles that could be removed, which are all desirable but not emergent.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes in the budget as recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee.

Operating Budget

MOTION #4: J. Longacre moved to move Article 28 to the budget in Executive to the sum of \$55,000. P. Blanchard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – nay, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #5: J. Longacre moved to approve the Executive section of the budget at \$275,451. P. Blanchard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – nay, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #6: K. Knapp moved to approve the Town Administration section of the budget at \$228,184. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: Chair Blanchard noted it is difficult for the Board to set a wage, especially roles that are not under their purview. This is the Town Manager's responsibility.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #7: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Town Meeting section of the budget at \$506. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #8: K. Knapp moved to approve the Trustees & Trust Funds section of the budget at \$374. P. Blanchard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #9: K. Knapp moved to approve the Town Clerk section of the budget at \$95,072. C. Hofmann seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling noted there is a warrant article to establish a wage range for the Town Clerk, based on experience and certifications. There is also a warrant article to set the Town Clerk's hours.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #10: J. Longacre moved to approve the Elections section of the budget at \$20,895, with the increase of \$1,500 in the Printing, Supplies & Misc. line. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling said the Town Clerk has requested \$1,500 be added to the Printing, Supplies & Misc. line for the new voting machines.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #11: K. Knapp moved to approve the Accounting & Auditing section of the budget at \$69,229. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #12: K. Knapp moved to approve the Tax Collection & Property section of the budget at \$48,579. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #13: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Treasurer section of the budget at \$3,405. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #14: J. Longacre moved to approve the Information Technology section of the budget at \$187,350. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling reviewed the items in this category, including contract, phone and internet service, software, and servers. She explained the servers are failing, which impacts the staff's ability to do their jobs, and they need to be replaced.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #15: J. Longacre moved to approve the Reevaluation of Property section of the budget at \$134,600. C. Hofmann seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling explained this is a once every five years issue. She recommended reducing the General Assessor line from \$40,000 to \$33,000.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #16: K. Knapp moved to approve the Legal Expenses section of the budget at \$60,000. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #17: P. Blanchard moved to reduce the Benefits Not Otherwise Allocated section to \$430,483. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: P. Blanchard said he would like to move to reduce this section by \$50,000 and task the Town Manager with finding suitable health insurance coverage at a lower cost. B. Codling noted the Board will have the ultimate decision on any proposal.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #18: C. Hofmann moved to approve the Planning Board section of the budget at \$14,490. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #19: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Zoning Board section of the budget at \$169. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #20: K. Knapp moved to approve the Maintenance Department section of the budget at \$170,695. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: The ABC recommended increasing the Head of Maintenance's salary to \$60,000.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – nay, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #21: J. Longacre moved to approve the Robert E. Clifford Memorial Building section of the budget at \$72,350. P. Blanchard seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling described the projects that need to be completed.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – nay, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #22: R. O'Shana moved to approve the James R. Morrill Building section of the budget at \$114,000. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling described the projects that need to be completed. R. O'Shana asked for clarification regarding the proposed modifications. J. McKinnon and B. Codling provided this.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – nay, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #23: K. Knapp moved to approve the Haverhill/Bath Covered Bridge section of the budget at \$12,553. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – nay, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #24: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Center Haverhill Armory section of the budget at \$1,900. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling explained part of the maintenance cost is to remove the asbestos pipe; the Highway Department uses this building for cold storage. She noted this task could be moved to the highway garage project.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #25: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Hazen Park section of the budget at \$3,400. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #26: J. Longacre moved to approve the Railroad Park section of the budget at \$17,400. C. Hofmann seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling described the need to plant memorial blocks in the park that were purchased by loved ones but have been in storage.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board took a five-minute break.

MOTION #27: J. Longacre moved to approve the Highway Garage section of the budget at \$34,790. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling requested adding \$20,000 for a new furnace. K. Knapp asked if there was a capital reserve fund to cover this. B. Codling explained there is; however, it costs to contribute and remove money from this fund. She recommended the Board not approve this year's installment (Article 17) to cover this cost.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – opposed, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #28: K. Knapp moved to approve the Trails section of the budget at \$6,250. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling explained this is for maintenance of existing trails. A discussion followed regarding the type of herbicides used.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #29: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Haverhill Commons section of the budget at \$6,000. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #30: K. Knapp moved to approve the Cemeteries section of the budget at \$45,362. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: J. Longacre asked who handles correcting the headstones. B. Codling said the Cemetery Commission does this. J. Longacre encouraged them to do so, as some are badly in need of repair. B. Codling said the Select Board could send a request to the Cemetery Commission.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #31: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated section of the budget at \$100,184. C. Hofmann seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling explained these figures are supplied by the insurance company.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #32: A motion was made to approve the Regional Associations section of the budget at \$8,465. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling explained these are membership dues for county and municipal organizations. They offer trainings that staff attend. Also, grant eligibility is sometimes tied to membership in these organizations.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #33: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Business Park section of the budget at \$500. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #34: R. O'Shana moved to approve the Police Department section of the budget at \$1,088,797. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: P. Blanchard asked if the Police Department could carry the cost of Department of Safety details until they are reimbursed, instead of having a line item in the budget. J. Boucher explained it needs to be kept separate for DOS record-keeping purposes. B. Codling explained the budget includes eight officers; however, there are only seven. Chief Appleby shared the background for some of the budget items and offered possible changes in overtime training expense. R. O'Shana recommended removing the salary of the eighth officer from the budget.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #35: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Ambulance section of the budget at \$244,715. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #36: K. Knapp moved to approve the Fire Department section of the budget at \$175,000. There was no second.

MOTION #37: J. Longacre moved to approve the Fire Department section of the budget at \$178,440. C. Hofmann seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – abstain, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – abstain, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 3-0-2.

MOTION #38: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Emergency Management section of the budget at \$3,868. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #39: K. Knapp moved to approve the Airport section of the budget at \$80,259. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: P. Blanchard recommended removing the technician wages. B. Codling said this was the result of discussions internally and with the ABC. She explained the airport bottom line is a wash, as revenue must be brought in to cover the expenses.

K. Knapp withdrew the motion.

MOTION #40: K. Knapp moved to approve the Airport section of the budget at \$71,647. P. Blanchard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #41: K. Knapp moved to approve the Highway Department of the budget at \$977,982. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling said \$335,000 in the Highway Improvements line item is allocated for paving Brushwood Road. \$158,576 of this is coming from unanticipated revenues for one-time highway funds. She noted Road Agent Young has done a good job of trimming the highway budget.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #42: J. Longacre moved to approve the Sanitation section of the budget at \$5,350. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #43: K. Knapp moved to approve the Sewer Pump Station and Sewer Line section of the budget at \$39,900. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: They have been having significant problems with the pumps and they are difficult to replace, as they are obsolete. So far, they have been able to repair them.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #44: R. O'Shana moved to approve the Health Officer section of the budget at \$15,208. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #45: K. Knapp moved to approve the Animal Control section of the budget at \$7,530. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #46: P. Blanchard moved to approve the General Assistance section of the budget at \$59,671. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling requested additional funds to hire a welfare administrator.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #47: P. Blanchard moved to approve the General Assistance section of the budget at \$158,300. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling noted shelter assistance requests were high across the state last year. By hiring a welfare administrator and modifying the welfare guidelines, she hoped to further lower these costs.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #48: R. O'Shana moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Administration section of the budget at \$111,444. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #49: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Recreation HARP Staff section of the budget at \$33,674. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Sargent offered winter camps, which increased revenues but also the need for counselors.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #50: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Recreation HARP Operations section of the budget at \$13,750. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #51: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Recreation Railroad Park Operations section of the budget at \$6,950. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #52: J. Longacre moved to approve the Recreation All Other section of the budget at \$9,100. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – opposed, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

MOTION #53: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Libraries section of the budget at \$54,553. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Discussion: B. Codling requested adding \$725 for the Woodsville Library.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #54: K. Knapp moved to approve the Patriotic Services section of the budget at \$2,000. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #55: J. Longacre moved to approve the Conservation Commission section of the budget at \$500. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #56: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Conservation Commission section of the budget at \$500. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #57: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Economic Development section of the budget at \$1,150. C. Hofmann seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #58: P. Blanchard moved to approve the Debt Service section of the budget at \$167,531. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Codling noted the total budget before warrant articles is \$5,414,690.

Warrant Articles

Article 5

MOTION #59: K. Knapp moved to remove Article 5. There was no second.

Article 8

MOTION #60: R. O'Shana moved to remove Article 8. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – nay, Longacre – nay. The motion carried 3-2-0.

Article 14

MOTION #61: K. Knapp moved to remove Article 14. P. Blanchard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 17

MOTION #62: K. Knapp moved to remove Article 17. P. Blanchard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 18

MOTION #63: R. O'Shana moved to remove Article 18. The motion was seconded.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 20

MOTION #64: A motion was made and seconded to remove Article 20.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Articles 21-24

The Board discussed discontinuing these roads, and noted there have been public hearings about this. B. Codling noted her office needs to educate residents, so they understand what they are voting on.

Article 25

MOTION #65: K. Knapp moved to remove Article 25. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 26

MOTION #66: P. Blanchard moved to remove Article 26. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Discussion: This article covers the third segment of the Black Mountain trail, not maintaining the current trail.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – nay, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried 4-1-0.

Article 28

MOTION #67: R. O'Shana moved to remove Article 28. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 29

MOTION #68: P. Blanchard moved to table Article 29 for a year. R. O'Shana seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 30

MOTION #69: P. Blanchard moved to remove Article 30. K. Knapp seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Hofmann – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Codling said they will make these adjustments and provide the Select Board members with clean copies of the operating budget and warrant articles. This information will also be on the Town website.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION #70: K. Knapp moved to close the public portion of the Select Board meeting and enter a non-public session. J. Longacre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: A roll call vote was taken. O'Shana – aye, Knapp – aye, Blanchard – aye, Longacre – aye, Hoffman – aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting room was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Zoom Recording:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/T-kFjVcZLi4vtsJQQzNxO9rvxTg4fgUx-HjpZRTECjccu3ANeUDCPO5V86n-CY0v.mcfXnTiakI_jgcwW

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Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanggeli