



21 November 2022

## JOINT MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

In attendance:

Selectboard: Seth Hopkins (chair), Brian Coolidge, Tim Guiles, Ralph Ethier.

Budget committee: Barry Varian, Jan Coolidge, Neil Silins, Doug Bailey.

Others: David Kachajian, Bill Moore, Jackie Savela, Sandy Mayo, Doug Perkins, Richard Russ

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### SELECTBOARD

Seth Hopkins  
Chair

Tracy Wyman  
Vice-chair

Brian Coolidge  
Clerk

Tim Guiles  
Selectman

Ralph Ethier  
Selectman

1 Meeting was called to order by Seth Hopkins, chair, at 7PM. On motion of Brian Coolidge and second by Tim Guiles the agenda as warned was adopted for the meeting, 4-0. Public present was invited by the chair to sit around the large tables with the board & committee if desired.

2 Doug Perkins and Richard Russ led a presentation regarding the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District budget, assessment, funding, operations, and governance. It was noted Brandon's assessment will increase 3% over last year as a result of the new algorithm adopted by the District last week. Also noted Brandon has a vacancy of one representative to the District and someone with financial background would be appreciated.

3 The budget workshop then proceeded. Rather than a line-by-line and department-by-department approach, those in attendance considered the stability of most of the operational budget and a desire for more long-range planning of capital, programming, and personnel needs as much as possible, with established income sources such as the 1% tax revenue and one-off sources such as the Town's ARPA allotment.

It was agreed to reschedule the December 5th meeting (Monday) to December 6th (Tuesday), and to move the venue to the town office for that meeting.

4 On motion of Ralph Ethier and second by Tim Guiles a not debatable motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment came at 8:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Seth M. Hopkins*

Seth Hopkins, chair of board