



22 December 2022

JOINT MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

In attendance:

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

Budget committee: Barry Varian, Jan Coolidge, Neil Silins, Peter Werner.

Others: Jackie Savelle, David Atherton, Bill Moore, Tom Kilpeck.

Town of Brandon
49 Center St
Brandon, VT
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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 Tracy Wyman and second by Brian Coolidge the agenda as warned was adopted for the meeting, 5-0. Public present sat around the large tables with the board & committee.

2 The workshop centered around a few areas of the budget; consensus was achieved on the following: a) set the town clerk's salary line at \$80,000; b) expend \$100,000 from the general fund's unrestricted fund balance to reduce the amount required to be raised by taxes; c) expend \$100,000 from the general fund's unrestricted fund balance to pay off equipment leases to be identified by the town manager and bookkeeper; d) set the non-union employee wage increase at 5% in the FY2023-2024 budget; e) fund the police department budget at the amount requested (\$867,645). Not every item was unanimous among the selectboard or the budget committee, but it is believed there is a majority of the selectboard ready to vote to adopt the budget and recommend it to the voters at the January 9th selectboard meeting.

3 On motion of Brian Coolidge and second by Ralph Ethier a not debatable motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment came at 9:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Hopkins, chair of selectboard