

# Town of Sandisfield

Select Board  
March 23, 2022

Minutes for Select Board Work Session with the Finance Committee held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:00p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: George Riley, Alex Bowman, Steve Seddon, Jonathan Sylbert, Roger Brown, Larry Dwyer

## **1. Discuss FY23 budget planning**

Roger Brown discusses the status of the stabilization funds and the discrepancies between them. Confirmation is needed from the Accountant in regards to why certain transactions were made, and where others were taken out of.

George notes that the Fire Chief pointed out there was money in stabilization allocated for a fire truck. George clarifies this money has not been allocated for anything, nor will it be until a capital plan is instated. Asset and vehicle inventory is needed for all departments, the majority of which has already been collected.

A discussion about paying for Broadband out of the ARPA funds ensues. There is a risk that if they pay for Broadband out of these funds, other Broadband funding will be presented and then ARPA cannot be used for other capital expenses.

A discussion about the purchase of a new fire truck continues. Jonathan Sylbert notes that Sandisfield should consider establishing a replacement schedule based on years of service, rather than miles.

Roger notes that the budget is coming along fairly well, and there are only a limited number of things that have yet to be included, most of which are less important. Berkshire pensions have increased by \$25,000, but Roger believes this will go down by FY24 because this was an inaccurate conclusion about the Sandisfield pensions

The Transfer Station and who is responsible for these budget items, and the possibility of changing responsibilities is discussed. The DPW still has a number of budget lines that need to be addressed.

Jonathan's role at town hall is discussed. However, Jonathan makes a point that he still requires an Executive Session to go over his contract with the town to clarify his role further. It's noted that Jonathan is confident he can complete the budget, and will have no trouble meeting with departments that require more attention. The Select Board decides to give Jonathan the

previous Town Manager contract for review for the upcoming contract negotiations. Contract negotiations are scheduled for Friday, March 29 at 3:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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George Riley

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Alex Bowman

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Steve Seddon