

**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Friday, January 14, 2022
Record**

OPENING

Chair Susan Verdicchio called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM via Zoom remote participation due to the State of Emergency COVID-19. Present were Select Board members Michael Bettencourt, Mariano Goluboff, and Richard Mucci. Also present was Acting Town Manager Beth Rudolph, PE, Assistant Town Manager Mark Twogood and Comptroller Stacie Ward. (Note - due to the remote participation all Select Board votes are roll call votes.)

NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

1. Tuesday, January 25, 2022 - Northeast Metro Tech Election
2. Friday, January 28, 2022 - Budget Summit
3. Monday, February 7, 2022 - Regular Session

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Verdicchio announced that she will not be running for another term and her last meeting will be March 7, 2022.

BUSINESS

1. **FY23 Budget** - Ms. Rudolph presented a budget model for the FY23 budget development. Presently they are working on the detailed FY23 Budget and are also working on a budget forecast model for FY24 - FY26. The model assumptions are 5% increase in Health Care; 4% increase for the School Budget (includes salaries) with level state aid from FY22; and a 6% FY23 Energy increase over FY22. She also included in the presentation the Budget Surplus and Operating Reserves for FY23 to FY26. The increased cost of items/utilities this year is the driving factor of this year's budget requiring us to use some free cash to close the budget gap.
2. **Select Board Work Plan** - Ms. Rudolph reviewed the draft Select Board Work Plan for 2022 that she had sent to the Select Board. The projects on the work plan are broken into sections - Capital & School Building, Financial, Affordable Housing, Economic & Community Development, Public Health, Sustainability Initiatives, Personnel/Administrative, Studies/Committees, Executive Session and School Committee/SB Initiatives. The work plan is an opportunity to see what the Town Manager's Office and staff are working on for the upcoming year. This is an opportunity for the Select Board to give their input but also so that the Board will have an idea when their approval is needed. The next steps for the Board is to review the plan, prioritize the projects that are listed and will reconvene at the end of March.

ADJOURNMENT : 9:55 AM

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn for the day.

Goluboff - Bettencourt

Roll Call: Goluboff, Bettencourt, Mucci, Verdicchio

VOTED

Respectfully submitted, Beth Rudolph, Acting Town Manager