

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2022 AT 9:00AM
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chair Antanavica called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Chair Rick Antanavica, Vice-Chair John Shocik, Second Vice-Chair Herb Duggan Jr., Selectman Dianna Provencher, Selectman Allen Phillips, Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance. Advisory Committee members Dave Mero, Paul Messier, Dorothy Dudley and Bob Mercer were in attendance. Dennis McGrail and Bonnie Layden were absent.

1. Reserve Fund Transfer Requests (2) – Highway Department Fuel and Field Maintenance Supplies

Highway Superintendent Dennis Griffin presented a request for \$10,000 for field maintenance at Rochdale Park to include slice and seed, application of insecticide, fertilizer, crabgrass and weed control, lime and core aerate all athletic fields. This funding would cover the full playing season at Rochdale and there should be an 80% improvement in the field by the end of the season. The need to address conditions at the Little League/Softball fields was also discussed. Bob Mercer, Advisory Committee, asked for a \$10-\$15K budget for maintenance at all 7 town owned parks annually. Mr. Mercer took field samples from Rochdale Park to UMASS which showed Becker had not been fertilizing the fields. The Board discussed using a local contractor or getting quotes vs the proven track record this company has including on fields in Town.

Motion 030522-1a: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher to approve the \$10,000 reserve fund transfer for the highway department for field maintenance at Rochdale Park. **Motion carries 4:1:0.**

A motion was made by Ms. Dudley and seconded by Mr. Messier to approve the \$10,000 reserve fund transfer for the highway department for field maintenance at Rochdale Park. Motion carries 4:0:0.

Highway Superintendent Dennis Griffin presented a request for \$30,000 for fuel due to rising fuel prices and an increase in the number of Town vehicles utilizing the fuel island at the highway garage.

Motion 030522-1b: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Shocik to approve the \$30,000 reserve fund transfer for the highway department for fuel. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

A motion was made by Mr. Mercer and seconded by Mr. Messier to approve the \$30,000 reserve fund transfer for the highway department for fuel. Motion carries 4:0:0.

2. FY23 Municipal Budget Hearing and Presentations

A motion was made by Mr. Messier and seconded by Ms. Dudley to open the FY23 municipal budget public hearing at 9:54am. Motion carries 4:0:0.

Budget presentations were given by the Town Clerk, Highway Department, Development & Inspectional Services, Police Department, Library, Senior Center and Town Administrator budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Dudley and seconded by Mr. Messier to continue the public hearing to March 26, 2022. Motion carries 4:0:0.

Motion 030522-2: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Provencher and seconded by Mr. Shocik at 12:02pm. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**