

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023**

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Chair Manupelli called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. via remote participation only. Participating members were Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto, Ms. Gonzalez, and Mr. Wallner. Also in attendance was Laurianne Galvin, a quorum of the Finance Committee members including Don Kelleher, Tim Sutherland, Dan Mills, Abigail Herbert and Matt Davis, Chief Michael Murphy, Lt Zimmerman, Lt. Encarnacao, Lt. Thibodeau, and Chief Donald Stats.

Chair Manupelli led pledge.

Mr. Gilleberto explained that department heads were asked to abbreviate presentations and acknowledged that this will be chief's final budget presentation and thanked him for his help with budgets over the years.

Chief Michael Murphy reviewed FY 2024 Police Department requested budget.

There was discussion about the performance and impact of hybrid cruisers, and body cameras which will be ordered using a grant for the Chief and Lieutenants only.

Chief concluded the presentation.

Attendees thanked the Chief for his service.

A request was made to consider adding a request for cybercrime resources in future years.

The time was 8:59 AM.

Chief Donald Stats joined and presented the Fire Department budget request.

There was discussion of the department's proposal to add additional positions, the cost, the amount of the cost that is one-time versus recurring, the resources to pay for one-time costs, and the current response level compared to the NFPA standard.

The Chair asked the Chief to describe the functionality of the current staffing model. The Chief stated that we are staffed properly at this time, but the staff is fatigued. NFPA does have recommendations but our call volume does not justify that. We also rely on mutual aid. The callback system is not as dependable as it once was.

The Chair asked the Chief to speak about mutual aid. The Chief responded that North Reading and many other communities rely on mutual aid, that's the way the system in Massachusetts works.

The Chair thanked the Chief for his presentation.

Time was 10:13 AM.

DPW Director Joe Parisi presented the DPW budget. He was joined by Operations Manager Chris Deming, Facilities Supt Todd Woekel, Engineer Dan O'Donnell, and Water Supt Matt Prince.

There was discussion of the water projections. The numbers might not reflect updated debt and the TA would like to point that out in case there is a variance come rate setting time.

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There was discussion of facilities, the proposal to buy the currently rented trailer, separating funding for Town Buildings, and sanitation costs.

Chair Manupelli thanked Mr. Parisi.

The time was 11:17.

Mr. Gilleberto responded to a chat question regarding the hiring of firefighters.

Chair Manupelli asked for an update on the SAFER grant.

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MOTION BY:	MR. WALLNER
SECONDED BY:	MRS. GONZALEZ

VOTED BY:	MR. STUTO	ABSENT
	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
	MR. O'LEARY	ABSENT
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

VOTE: 3-0 PASS 2-ABSENT

ADJOURN: 11:21 P.M.

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RICHARD WALLNER, CLERK