



**Town of Milton – Special Selectboard Meeting
43 Bombardier Road, Milton VT 05468
In Person and/or via Zoom – Community Room
Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Darren Adams, Chair; Michael Morgan, Vice Chair; Brenda Steady, Member; Chris Taylor, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: John FitzGerald, Clerk

Staff Members Present: Don Turner Jr., Town Manager; John Bartlett, HR and Operations Director (remote); Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Michaela Foody, Public Safety Director; Amber N. Baker, Finance Director; Cymone Bedford, Planning & Development Review Director; Cathy LaClair, Milton on the Move Coordinator

Others Present: Diane Barrows (remote)

I. Call to Order

D. Adams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

D. Adams led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. FY24 Budget Discussion and Possible Approval

Amber N. Baker, Finance Director

During budget presentations, the Selectboard reserves the right to review, discuss and consider any and all aspects of the municipal budget, including both general and specific budget categories, line items, and the municipal budget as a whole and in its entirety.

A. Baker reviewed changes since the previous discussion, including an added stipend for Rescue staff to cover the cost of boots and some adjustments related to wage increases. There was some discussion about ways to handle the stipend.

IV. Executive Session – Personnel

Motion made by C. Taylor to find that premature knowledge about Personnel would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Second by M. Morgan at 6:12 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by C. Taylor to move enter into executive session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss Personnel under the provisions of 1 VSA 313 (a)(1) of the Vermont Statutes; to include the following; Selectboard members: D. Adams, M. Morgan, C. Taylor, J. FitzGerald and B. Steady; Town Manager, Don Turner, Jr.; Finance Director, Amber N. Baker; Director of Public Safety, Michaela Foody. Second by M. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by C. Taylor to close executive session at 7:11 p.m., with a second by M. Morgan. Motion approved unanimously.

V. Resume Budget Discussion

The budget discussion resumed at 7:13 p.m. There were some final adjustments made to the paving budget, and some discussion regarding the resulting budget numbers and tax implications.

Motion made by M. Morgan to approve a budget for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$9,784,978.00, of which it is estimated that \$7,595,546.00 will be raised by local property taxes. Second by B. Steady. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Town Meeting 2023 Warning

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

Motion made by M. Morgan to approve the warning for the Town of Milton's Annual Meeting, which reads as follows.

M. Morgan read aloud the following warning:

**WARNING – TOWN OF MILTON, VT
2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Milton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Milton Municipal Building in said Town on Tuesday the 7th of March 2023, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) in the forenoon (A.M.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (P.M.) at which time the polls shall close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall the voters of the Town of Milton accept the reports of the Town Officials as presented in the Town Report?

ARTICLE II

To elect all Town/School Officers as required by law and Charter. List of offices and terms to be voted on are as follows:

Select Board	3-Year Term
Select Board	1-Year Term
Select Board	1-Year Term
Library Trustee	3-Year Term
Library Trustee	2-Year Term
School Trustee	3-Year Term
School Trustee	1-Year Term

ARTICLE III

Shall the voters of the Town of Milton approve the budget for the Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of Nine Million, Seven Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$9,784,978.00) of which it is estimated that Seven Million, Five Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$7,595,546.00) will be raised by local property taxes?

ARTICLE IV

Shall the Town of Milton exempt from real estate taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A., section 3840, the property of the Arrowhead Senior Center, located at 46 Middle Road, in the Town of Milton, Vermont, for a period of five (5) years?

The legal voters of the Town of Milton are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Milton are further notified and warned that an informational meeting to explain and discuss the Australian ballot Articles set forth above will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at the Milton High School Auditorium (17 Rebecca Lander Dr.) beginning at six o'clock in the evening (6:00P.M.). The public may attend the informational meeting in person or on Zoom at the following link: <https://link.mtsd-vt.org/JointMeeting>

B. Steady seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Action as a Result of Executive Session

D. Turner stated that the Town has been working with the A.F.S.C.M.E. union representative to extend their contract, which was valid through June 30, 2024. After a number of meetings with the union representative, the Town, based on direction from the Selectboard, developed a Memorandum of Agreement to extend the contract as presented. D. Turner then summarized the terms for the Selectboard.

Motion made by M. Morgan to agree to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement to extend the contract with the local A.F.S.C.M.E. Council 93, Local 1343. Second by C. Taylor. Motion approved unanimously.

VIII. Town Report Discussion

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

D. Turner presented a draft of the Selectboard annual report with potential talking points to the Selectboard for review and discussion. The Selectboard provided feedback, and there was a brief discussion regarding future reports.

D. Turner briefed the board on an update regarding the Hourglass Project.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by M. Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., with a second by B. Steady. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by D. Adams.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:
<https://miltonvt.box.com/s/awb0azmpulxhppfzmyj8ez0n7f75jbuz>

A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:
<https://miltonvt.box.com/s/mxg4t02mmkgi920927q3s38vukpnlmng>

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:



John FitzGerald, Clerk

Date: 1/17/2023

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 18th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST: Kristi Bees, Milton Town Clerk