

**Town of Sullivan, NH**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes November 6, 2023**  
**Sullivan Town Hall**

Board members present: Dave Jakway, Chair; Paul Bolduc, Virginia DeAngelis

Staff: Kathleen N. Rowe, Administrative Assistant

Department Heads: Al Henry, Chief, Sullivan Fire and Rescue; Todd Smith, Cemetery

Public: None

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Dave Jakway, Chairman.

On a motion by Virginia, seconded by Paul, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023 public meeting as written, all aye.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023 non-public meeting for legal issues, as written, all aye.

B. PUBLIC

C. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

1. Fire and Rescue Budget

Chief Henry opened his presentation with a "Thank you" from the Department to the Board of Selectmen for the work done to return to the City of Keene for ambulance services. As the alternatives did not serve the interests of the Town well, it was crucial that the Town be able to negotiate a contract with Keene within a short time frame; this was accomplished by the Board and, as Dave noted, with input from Sullivan F&R as well. The new contract will run for three years.

Highway Administration budget includes a 12.5% increase in health insurance and a proposed 3% wage increase.

Highway Road Maintenance costs increase 11% to include current higher pricing for road salt (state bid) and calcium, as well as an additional \$10,000 request over 2023 budget for vehicle repair costs.

Special projects is budgeted at \$170,000 for Valley Road paving in 2023, based on current pricing for asphalt.

Capital Reserve: Major Highway Equipment request is \$40,000 based on the recommendations of the Highway Major Equipment Committee's projections for equipment replacements. Capital Reserve request for Reconstruction/ Resurfacing Roads: \$10,000; Bridges: \$5000. Todd noted that the Town has no redlined bridges at this time.

The overall budget increase is 25%, primarily attributable to Special Projects for Valley Road.

2. Chris Pratt presented the Planning Board budget, which now includes the wages for the Planning Board clerk, telephone and office supply costs. The Planning Board operating budget increases \$1,250 to include telephone, office supplies and a \$250 request for a printer.

There will be no request for Capital Reserve contribution this year.

3. Chris Pratt presented the Library budget.

The library operating budget reflects a net increase of \$100, the result of lower propane cost and anticipated increase in electricity. Wages budget reflects a proposed 3% increase.

Selectmen will review the department budget requests and make recommendations to the Budget Committee.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to move into non-public meeting/legal at 7:05 PM.

On a motion by Virginia, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the non-public meeting, seal the minutes and return to the public meeting at 7:28PM.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to move into non-public meeting/legal at 7:29 PM.

On a motion by Virginia, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the non-public meeting, seal the minutes and return to the public meeting at 7:54PM.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to move into non-public meeting/legal at 8:00 PM.

On a motion by Virginia, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the non-public meeting, seal the minutes and return to the public meeting at 8:27 PM.

5. Signed: Manifest, vendor payments and purchase orders

6. Miscellaneous

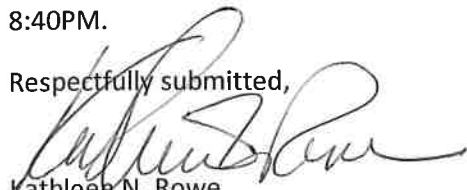
No miscellaneous business.

The next public meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM

E. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Virginia, seconded by Dave and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen N. Rowe  
Administrative Assistant