

Town of Florida
Joint Select Board and Finance Committee Meeting
Florida Town Hall
367 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

May 10, 2023

6:50 pm meeting called to order by Mike Bedini.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini

Select board members absent: Terry I. Green

Others present: Joan Lewis, Vicki Winchell, Jim White, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Carlo Pellegrini

Jim White, Highway Department

Jim is requesting new truck to purchase this year. Discussions held regarding the need to get 3 bids even when going through the state bidding process of Sourcewell as well as the type of truck that would be adequate for the highway department. Jim listed the trucks the department currently has, including the new truck on order and the difficulties they face when a couple of trucks are down at the same time. Mike suggests letting the voters decide however Neil feels since one has been purchased this fiscal year it would be a good idea to wait a year. Cindy questioned which truck would be replaced if this went through and Jim feels his Osh Kosh is the worst truck in the fleet. Getting a new truck would leave his truck to be used for parts. The mileage hasn't registered since it was bought by the town but Jim estimates it has 5000 hours on it and it is approximately 32 years old. Cindy questioned the balance of stabilization. Neil is not positive but thinking around \$1.2-\$1.4 million. Discussion continued as to where such a purchase would be taken from if free cash is not certified. The board agreed to table the conversation of the truck until the next meeting.

Discussions held regarding using Snow Roads and Bridges account vs Tractor and Machinery account. Jim should be taking parts out of Tractor and Machinery. Neil clarified the deficit spending of the Snow account to Cindy – you cannot deficit spend in the current year unless you appropriated the amount you spent the previous year.

The majority of the remaining highway budget requests are a 2% increase. The vacation and sick pay lines include a 2% calculation for pay increases. There is one year left on the highway union contract.

Health Insurance

Cindy requested Joan look into a Medicare Part B buy in that some of the towns are joining. Cindy will also try to find some more information.

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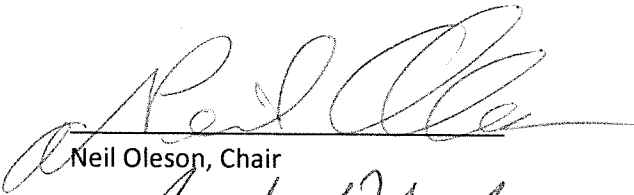
Various Accounts

The majority of the accounts are listed as level funded.

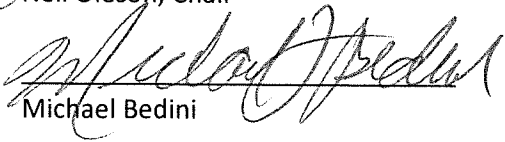
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste – the appropriation is the fee for joining

Fiscal Year 2024 Lev is \$3,162,800.63

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

Terry I. Green

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