

TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:
Eric Best
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Select Board Meeting
Minutes
April 8th, 2024
5:00pm

Attendance:
Eric Best
Cody Lunt
Jan Keiper
Dan DeBord
Sarah Saxby
Paul Saxby
Lauren Jennings
Kirk Emerson
Mable Lunt
Alex Zipparo
Ken Siriani
Daniel Swain

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm by Eric Best, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

- I. Approval of minutes from 3/18/24. Eric Best motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
- II. Old Business
 - a. Grant Updates – Eric Best Motions to switch the order of agenda and begin with the discussion of the Daft Budget and move grant update to after the discussion, Seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
 - b. Draft Annual Budget Discussion- The board went line by line and held discussions. Line item “Attorney” brought discussions on whether the town should have a lawyer and/or firm on retainer for town needs. That topic will need to be talked about in further detail. Miscellaneous line was increased for the needs of ordinance updates. The town plans to apply for grants but will need to be prepared for the possibility of matching funds. The assessment line item was discussed on the possibility of letting Mike Rogers do both the assessing and help with tax commitment and no longer need the use of Bob Gringes. The town will need to plan in the near future of a total town revaluation. Town Street lights



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will become a warrant question in the report. Some feel the need for town security lights are unneeded and do not benefit those who reside near them as well as it would save on electricity cost. Operational Maintenance was increased in hopes that the town can send out more town bids for things that need to be fix/replace in the town building. The line-item fire department has been changed to fire warden equipment. The \$3500 was built in for the cost of emergency ferries, but MSFS will no longer provide us with those ferries. The Charitable donation line will also be discussed at the meeting and if the town would like to forgo it to keep the budget down.

- c. Grant Updates – Motion by Eric Best for the interest of time to forgo the rest of the agenda and post pone all agenda items except for the MCHT Payment in Lieu of Taxes Increase Request Response, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

III. New Business

- a. the MCHT Payment in Lieu of Taxes Increase Request Response- MCHT have agreed to update their payment from \$16,000 to \$34,000. They would like to keep the line of communication open on these matters and what else the Trust can do to help aid the town. Eric Best will start to draft a letter in response.

- IV. Warrants – Cody Lunt motions to approve the warrants as written, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed.**

- V. Mail – nothing to report.

- VI. Set Next Meeting – April 22nd at 5:00pm

- VII. Eric Best motions to adjourn at 6:53pm, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

