

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD - Budget
MINUTES

Date: January 17, 2023
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Via Zoom Meeting & Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the meeting in person were Selectboard Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie, Finance Committee member Dan Blitzer.
Present via zoom were Finance Committee Chair Laura Allen, and Mary McGurn.

The meeting was audio and video recorded.

The Board reviewed the amounts in Free Cash (\$407,912.00) and the Stabilization Fund (\$421,143.02).

Inflation remains high at 7:1% which will have an effect on budget requests. Budgets that involve vehicles and utilities are increasing.

The Board voted unanimously to hold the Annual Town Meeting at Catamount Ski Area on May 2, 2023 at 6:00pm. The Board also agreed to hire an audio service.

The Board discussed wages. It was agreed that Finance Committee Chair Laura Allen will gather data from surrounding towns and then Selectboard Chairman McGurn and Vice-Chairman Vermeulen will meet with Laura to talk about FY 2024 wages.

The Board unanimously approved the following budget's as requested.

Ag Comm	\$800
Assessors Consultant	\$39,000
Board of Appeals	\$100
Public Health Agent	\$11,500
Conservation Comm expense	\$1,520
Conservation Comm Agend	\$400
Conservation Comm Clerk	\$3,500
Finance Comm expense	\$400
Inspector Expenses	\$2,130
Planning Board	\$3,650
Selectmen's Expense	\$13,200
Green Comm Expense	\$381
Town Clerk Expense	\$8,500
Election Wages	\$4,500
Board of Reg Salary	\$50
Treasurer/Collector Expense	\$11,545

The Board will confirm if the Town Accountant is planning to attend Accounting school this year as he has not in the last couple of years. The Board held on approving the \$1500 request.

The Board voted to approve amounts lower than requested for the following accounts as spending history

did not prove the need for the amount requested.

Assessors Expenses \$2,000 instead of \$2,325

Board of Health Expenses \$3,800 instead of \$4,500

The next budget meeting will be January 31 at 10:00am

Adjournment 11:34am

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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