

**Board of Finance
Special Meeting
Veterans Meeting Room
Warren Memorial Town Hall
May 25, 2022 (following Adjourned Town Meeting)**

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 pm by member David Walsh. He explained that Chairman Francis Moriarty would not be in attendance. Also present were members Steve Geryk, Matt McKenney and Richard Shuck. A quorum was established.

Upon motion of Mr. McKenney and seconded by Mr. Geryk, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Walsh as Acting Chair for the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board voted unanimously to seat alternate member Conrado Ulloa in place of Mr. Moriarty.

Also present were First Selectman Sal P. Titus, Selectman Richard Hartenstein, Town Clerk Karen G. Troiano, Treasurer Neil Hoss, Tax Collector Stephanie Irving, Superintendent of Schools Steve Moccio, and support staff.

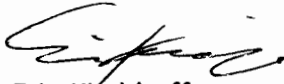
3. Upon motion of Mr. McKenney and seconded by Mr. Geryk, the Board by unanimous vote approved the public hearing and meeting minutes of April 27, 2022,
4. The Board reviewed HB-5506 recently adopted by the State Legislature and effective July 1, 2022. Upon passage, the state set the motor vehicle cap at 32.46 mills. Tax Collector Stephanie Irving explained the formula set forth by the new legislation and detailed the impact the loss of revenue would have to the Town and Service District this year and going forward, as the previously estimated revenue for motor vehicle tax collection was based on the 2021 Grand List. Service District Chairman Edward Muska was informed of the change in the motor vehicle tax cap.
5. Mr. Walsh reported that the FY2022/23 budget had been defeated by 23 votes at a referendum held earlier that day, 267 (YES) to 290 (NO). He stated that the Board of Selectmen would be meeting next week to call a town meeting and set the next referendum date, as well as make any adjustments as directed by the Board of Finance. He requested input from Board members and Town officials on the low voter turnout and direction for further budget reductions.

Following discussion, Mr. Geryk moved to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$200,000 and the Board of Selectmen's budget by \$100,000. Mr. McKenney seconded the motion.

At the conclusion of deliberations, Mr. Walsh called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 YES (Geryk, McKenney, Walsh) to 2 NO (Shuck, Ulloa).

6. Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary