

Town of Somerset
Public Budget Hearing, Special
Town Meeting of the Electors & Special
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
(Not official until approved at next meeting)

6:30 p.m. – 2025 Public Budget Hearing

Chair Schachtner called the 2025 Public Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Demulling, Witzmann, Germain and Schachtner, Plourde arrived at 6:35 p.m. Residents present-Louis Germain, Bill Lawson, Lynn Cook, Wally Neumann and Byron Patterson. Printed handouts of the proposed 2025 budget were available, as well as a review presented by Schachtner. Proposed 2024 tax levy of \$840,141. *Motion by Bill Lawson, seconded by Lynn Cook to close the Public Budget Hearing at 6:44 pm. Motion carried.*

6:45 p.m.- Special Town Meeting of the Electors

Chair Schachtner called the Special Town Meeting of Electors to order at 6:45 pm. Town Board members present were: Plourde, Germain, Demulling, Witzmann and Schachtner. Residents present-Louis Germain, Bill Lawson, Lynn Cook, Wally Neumann and Byron Patterson.

- Approval of 2024 highway expenditures in the amount of \$769,049. *Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Bill Lawson to approve the 2025 highway expenditures of \$769,049. Motion carried. 5 years, 0 nays.*
- Adopt 2024 Town tax levy to be paid in 2025 in the amount of \$840,141. *Motion by Byron Patterson, seconded by Lynn Cook to adopt the 2024 Town tax levy of \$840,141. Motion carried. 5 years, 0 nays.*
- Establish the compensation of the elected Town officials for the terms of office to begin April 2025. *Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Bill Lawson to establish the compensation of the elected Town officials for the terms of office (no change). Motion carried. 5 years, 0 nays.*
- To authorize the Town Board to hire Town officers as employees of the Town for part-time work (snowplowing) and set the hourly rate of pay. *Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Louis Germain to authorize the Town Board to hire Town officers as part time employees with the rate of pay set at \$30.00 per hour with no benefits. Motion carried. 5 years, 0 nays.*

Motion by Louis Germain, seconded by Bill Lawson to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of Electors. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk