BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2024 – 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mr. Roland Sickenberger; Chair, Mr. Eric von Bleicken; Vice-Chair (remote - via Microsoft Teams), Mr. Brad Merkel, Clerk and Mr. Ronald San Angelo, Town Administrator
ATTENDEES: Lori Loughlin, Melinda Czub and John Vadar – all via Microsoft Teams

CALL MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION at 6 PM

MUSEUM LEASE – TABLED – WAITING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROPOSITION 2 ½ - This subject will be an ongoing agenda item until the May election in the event anyone wishes to address this matter.

FY 2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION
Mr. San Angelo presented the FY 25 budget to the Board of Selectmen for their review and consideration. Starting in September, Mr. San Angelo has been working towards creating this comprehensive document, which should provide the Advisory Committee with a much easier path than what has been seen in recent years. Prior to tonight's presentation, Mr. San Angelo has met with each department head and reviewed their budget, line by line and drafted written narratives explaining their respective department needs.

The presentation also included some historical data as to how and why the town is where it is financially; and the recommended steps for moving forward. A few changes and clarifications will be made prior to the official release of the document.

At this time, the following motion was made:
Motion to table a vote until the next meeting (January 9, 2024) to review more thoroughly made by Mr. Merkel; second: Mr. von Bleicken – unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Merkel; second: Mr. von Bleicken – unanimous at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra, Exec. Asst. to the
Board of Selectmen/TA

Brad Merkel, Clerk

Date Approved