



# Office of Board of Selectmen

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## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Belmont Mill

Tioga Meeting Room

Present were TA Alicia Jipson, Assessing Administrator Colleen Akerman, Selectmen's Representative Ruth Mooney, Chairman Ron Mitchell, Vice Chair Tracey LeClair, Norma Patten, Sharon Ciampi, Justin Borden, Gary Grant, Lisa Crocker, Mark Roberts, Bob Chapman, Albert Akerstrom, Roland Coffin, and Marsha Campbell. Via Zoom was Finance Director Katherine Davis.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

### Approval of Minutes:

**01/03/2023:**

Ruth Mooney moved the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2023 as written; seconded by Mark Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

TA Jipson recommended opening the public hearing and voting for the Sunray Shore Water District budget. Default and proposed Town budget numbers were distributed to members this evening and they are accurate, however they are not yet in the format the Committee is accustomed to seeing. There is more work to be done on the portal for submission to the State.

### Public Hearing on 2023 Proposed Budget for Town of Belmont and Sunray Shores Water District:

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 6:32pm.

The following is the proposed Sunray Shores Budget:

General Government \$9,740.00  
Highways & Streets \$11,210.00  
Water Distribution & Treatment \$20,700.00  
Total \$41,650.00

There is a special warrant article for \$1,940,000.00 for upgrades to their system.

*R. Mooney moved to approve the Sunray Shores Water District 2023 proposed budget of \$41,650.00. The motion was seconded by T. LeClair and passed unanimously.*

The Chairman closed the public hearing for the Sunray Shores Water District only at 6:34pm.

The numbers on the top page of the handout this evening are what will be submitted for the Selectmen's recommended budget, the Budget Committee's recommended budget, and the Default Budget. The \$157,615.00 for Cost Items is a combination of the three separate union warrant articles for Fire, Police and DPW. The budget increase for the operating budget is \$400,852.00. That does not take into account all of the other separate warrant articles. This handout will be used to enter all of the numbers into the portal for the State.

R. Mooney said it is important to note and take into consideration that there are a lot of new people with us this year who had to work on the budget for the first time; and also note that although it has been positive, it took longer with regards to the Fire Department union contract. None of those figures could be entered until the last minute because things were held up waiting for the contract to be reviewed and ratified.

TA Jipson emphasized that by meeting again next week there will be enough time for all of the numbers to be double and triple checked before submission. It is better to delay the final vote and be certain there are no errors.

*T. LeClair moved to table the public hearing on the Town of Belmont 2023 proposed budget to January 17, 2023 at 6:30pm. The motion was seconded by N. Patten and passed unanimously.*

TA Jipson gave a brief update on the ballot for 2023. There were 4 petitioned articles but one is not valid. It looks like we will have 49 warrant articles total. There are 3 union contract articles with the 3 corresponding articles to hold a special meeting if they fail. There are 8 zoning articles. There are 2 statutory requirements by the legislature to continue offering the Veterans' Credits. There are 4 articles for the Fire Department. There is an article about the Noise Ordinance as well as articles for the Capital Reserve Funds and the standard boiler plate articles.

Sunray Shores will have their own special meeting to vote on their budget and special warrant article.

Any Budget Committee members who are up for re-election need to sign up with the Town Clerk's office between January 25, 2023 and February 3, 2023 in order to be on the ballot in March.

**Other Business:** None

**Second Public Hearing:**

The second public hearing on the budget will be held Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm. The agenda will include the Town Budget and the Default Budget.


**Adjournment:**

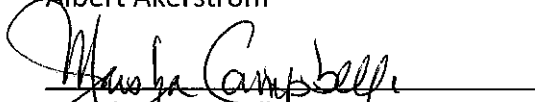
A. Akerstrom moved to adjourn at 6:44pm; seconded by M. Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

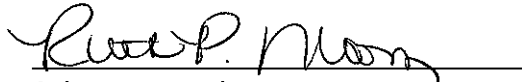
  
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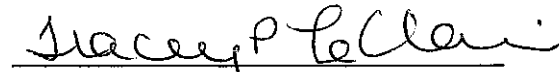
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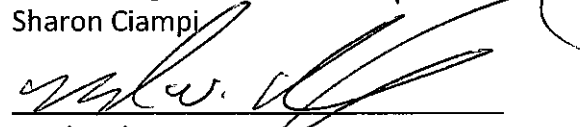
  
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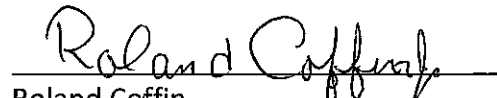
  
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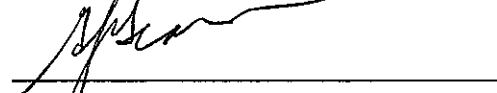
  
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