

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2021 PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING
AND MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those attending were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Grimmer, Supervisor Whitney and Clerk Wainio. 12 additional electors and 1 non-electors property owner were in attendance.

Chairman Discianno explained to the audience to review the 2022 Budget paperwork and then ask the Board any questions regarding the budget.

Questions were raised regarding the increase from the 2021 Approved Budget totaling \$1,493,476.13 to the proposal of \$1,632,307.16 and the use of nearly 48% of \$936,605 Reserve Funds to balance the budget.

The Board described many new services that were in the works like landscaping and lawn maintenance, purchase of a new mower for cutting vegetation along town roads offering increased safety by keeping the equipment off the roads and the ability to perform this service more than once a year, replacement of the 2012 Peterbilt Dump/Plow truck, and addition of air conditioning in the Town Hall.

The budget hearing was adjourned at 8:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wainio, Town Clerk

At 8:41PM the 2021 Special Meeting of the Winchester Electors was called to order.

Joe Osfar made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Rick Clem and approved by all.

Galen Brownwell made a motion to approve the levy in the amount of \$762,738; a reduction of \$45,000 from the \$807,738 requested by the Town Board. Sulo Wainio seconded the motion. 16 electors voted to approve the motion, while the 3 Town Board members and 2 electors voted against the motion resulting in the levy being set at 5.6% lower than 2020 levy; with the mill rate decreasing by 4.86% to \$2.6179.

The 2021 Special Meeting of the Electors was adjourned at 8:43PM

Respectfully submitted,

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