

The Select Board met on Tuesday November 7, 2023 beginning at 6:30pm in the Room 108 of Town Hall for a Workshop Session. The following members were present:

Allyson Hamilton, Chair  
Mark Gallivan, Vice Chair  
Benjamin Barrett, Clerk  
James O'Neil  
Glenn Maffei

Also participating  
James Johnson, Town Administrator  
Jodi Cuneo, Finance Director/Town Accountant  
Aoife Kelly, Executive Assistant

#### Call to Order

Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Town Administrator Johnson outlined to the Board several funding options for the new anticipated Tri-County financial obligation. The options discussed were a proposition 2 ½ override vote, reduction in School and Town budgets, trash fees, storm water utility fee and a phased in budget approach. Jim informed the Board that certain budgets needed a more watchful eye for the upcoming budget cycle; in particular, solid waste and rising health insurance costs. The Board discussed at length the possible funding options for Tri-County and identified possible other revenue sources such as a reduction in OPEB contributions in the short term to help offset the obligation.

The Board discussed the school budget and the anticipated needs of the school department based on previous years trends.

Another topic discussed was ARPA funding and whether to move forward with using remaining ARPA funds for the Pool Design. The Board discussed the needs of the Town and determined that a pool with a possible cost of \$8million+ was a substantial ask at this time and since there are many other projects that also needed funding such as the high school renovation. On motion of Board member Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to pull the allocated \$640,000 in ARPA funding requested for the pool/design construction. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Board member Maffei, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:15pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).