



# **BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING**

## **Budget Workshop**

**RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL**

**XX Budget Workshop**

**Date: March 19, 2023**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Board of Finance: George Eckenroth, Carmela Balducci, Jackie Calamari, Cindi Torres (absent), Mike Weglarz, Carol Jones (First Selectman), Duane Gates and Kathryn Russell (Selectmen), David Berardis, (Chairmen, Board of Fire Commissioners); Tim Lee (Fire Chief), Adam Kerop (Fire Marshal).

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by George Eckenroth.

Dave Berardis presented the key items in the Fire Department 2024-25 budget request. There was a lengthy discussion on the relationship between the over-expenditures and potential over-expenditures in the current budget and that requested for vehicle maintenance, training, and contingency. Also discussed was the requested need for additional administrative support.

Also discussed was the Department's approximately \$1.3 million of requested capital. The most significant item is the need for a new \$1.2 million fire truck estimated to cost \$1.2 million requiring an estimated three-year lead time.

**No Action Taken**

Eckenroth presented the board with of list of town functions with the current budget year expenditures, amounts being requested, reduced by cuts the board has considered plus potential further cuts, and estimated revenues. The purpose of the exercise was to get a basis line budget that can be used to determine further cuts and additions.

**No Action Taken**

Adjournment: Calamari moved, Balducci 2nd, to adjourn the Board of Finance Budget Workshop at 9:45pm.

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