

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Select Board Minutes and Joint Meeting with the Budget Committee  
January 23, 2024*

*Present:* Tamara Fairbank, chair, Betsy Coble, Aaron, Allen , Catherine Souza (clerical)

*Others:* Gulley Dunlap , Anita Garland, Sharon Proulx, Scott Sanborn, Kathy Stacy, Marcello Shelzi, Alex Smith, Trish Weekes

*Budget Committee:* Dave Stacy, Bob Proulx, Louis Shelzi

*Meeting opened at 9:01 am by Tamara Fairbank. Attendance taken by the secretary.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*2024 Proposed budget:* (All proposed figures were unanimously approved by all members on the Select Board and Budget Committee.)

- Salaries: \$39,000. Level funded.
- Elections and registrations: \$1,475. Level funded.
- Deed recordation: \$200. Level funded.
- Revaluation of property: \$5,000. Level funded.
- Legal Expense: \$2,500. Level funded.
- FICA: \$3,500. Level funded.
- Planning and Zoning: \$300. Level funded.
- General Gov't Buildings: \$9,500. Level funded.
- Cemeteries: \$7,000. Increase of \$1,000 to cover additional tree work.
- Insurance: \$3,200. Increase of \$484 to cover expected increase.
- Memberships: \$1,850. Increase of \$50 to cover expected increase in membership fees.
- Officer Expenses: \$7,500. Level funded.
- Ambulance: \$14,369. Increase of \$1,990. Finalized January 23, 2024.
- Fire: \$27,617. Increase of \$9,036. Finalized January 23, 2024.
- Building Inspector: \$1,000. Increase of \$500 to cover expected increases.
- Emergency Management: \$1,600. Level funded.
- Highway: \$160,000. Increase of \$50,000. Finalized January 23, 2024.
- Solid Waste: \$19,781. Increase of \$3,811. Finalized January 23, 2024.
- Health Agencies: \$3,900. Level funded.
- Direct Assistance (Welfare): \$3,000. Level funded.
- Parks & Recreation: \$900. New category to cover expected costs for Town activities.
- Library: \$4,000. Level funded. Was finalized at January 16, 2024 meeting.
- Culture and Recreation: \$0. Decrease of \$200 and moved to Parks & Recreation.
- Timber Harvest Monitor: \$1. Level funded.
- Conservation Commission: \$200. Level funded. Finalized January 23, 2024.
- Tax Anticipation: \$4,000. Level funded. Finalized January 23, 2024.
- Buildings Capital outlay: \$1,000. Level funded.

*Proposed Capital Reserve deposits for 2024:*

Final appropriations and Year End balances Finalized Tuesday January 23, 2024.

<i>Capital Reserve Fund</i>	<i>CRF balances December 31, 2023</i>	<i>2024 Appropriations</i>
Highway Equipment CRF	\$27,971.43	\$8,000
Town House CRF	\$16,846.95	\$5,000
Revaluation CRF	\$12,670.68	\$4,000
Town Roads CRF	\$67,272.38	\$20,000
Cemetery CRF	\$1,706.48	\$1,000

*Anticipated Revenue:*

- Land Use Change Taxes: \$0.00. Land coming out of current use is not anticipated.
- Yield taxes: \$5,000. Based on traditional revenues received. Finalized January 23, 2024.
- Interest & penalties: \$3,000. Estimated by tax collector.
- Inventory penalties: \$2,300. Based on average amount collected.
- Business licenses & permits: \$100. Based on 2023 figures.
- Motor vehicle permit fees: \$70,000. Based on 2023 figures.
- Other licenses, permits & fees: \$500. Based on 2023 Town Clerk figures.
- Building permits: \$300. Based on 2023 figures.
- Meals & Rooms distribution: \$20,000. Based on 2023 figures.
- Highway Block Grant: \$30,000. Based on figures from the state
- State Land Reimbursement (Cardigan State Forest): \$3,000. Based on traditional revenues received.
- Voter checklist: \$0.00. Based on 2023 figures.
- Interest on Investments: \$50. Based on 2023 figures.
- Municipal Fees: \$1,000. Based on 2023 Town Clerk figures.

*Budget Summary to be deliberated at the public hearing:*

Finalized Tuesday January 23, 2024

	2023	2024	Note decrease/increase
Appropriations	\$275,889	\$339,145	\$63,256 increase
Capital Reserves/Special Warrant	\$63,507	\$38,000	\$25,507 decrease
Total of above	\$339,396	\$377,145	\$37,749 increase
Less revenue estimates	\$186,387	\$135,250	\$51,137 decrease
<i>Estimated tax effort</i>	\$153,009	\$241,895	\$88,886 increase

Public Hearing on the Budget: Tuesday January 30, 2024 at 7pm at the Town House.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:54am.*

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Tamara Fairbank, Chair

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Aaron Allen

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Betsy Coble