

Salisbury Budget Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023

A meeting of the Salisbury Budget Committee was held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Academy Hall.

Jason Hood, Chairman (2024)	Present	Marcia Murphy, Vice Chair (2026)	Present
David Kelly (2024)	Absent	Bill MacDuffie, Sr. (2026)	Present
Jennifer Hoyt (2026)	Present	Lorna Carlisle (2024)	Present
Eric Swendsen (2025)	Present	Kevin O'Neill (2025)	Present
Brett Walker, Selectman	Present	Jeff Blanchard (2025)	Present
April Rollins, Town Administrator	Present	Jennifer King, Recording Secretary	Present

Bill MacDuffie Jr. attended the meeting at Academy Hall.

Chair Hood called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes

Brett Walker **motioned** to approve the draft meeting minutes from the Budget Committee meeting of November 13, 2023.

Bill MacDuffie Sr. **seconded** the motion for discussion which passed successfully.

AGENDA ITEMS

Department Head Budget Reviews

The Committee reviewed the budgets as presented for the following departments:

4155 Personnel Administration \$31,934

Brett Walker motioned that they accept the budget for Personnel Administration as presented at \$31,934.

Bill MacDuffie Sr. seconded the motion which passed successfully.

4215 Ambulance \$128,392

Brett Walker **motioned** that they accept the Ambulance budget as presented at \$128,392

Eric Swendsen **seconded** the motion.

Kevin O'Neill noted that the cost for this seems like it is increasing each year.

Bill MacDuffie Jr. said that the \$100K is a lot, but it's better than they will get elsewhere at the moment. It's based on population and their population is steadily increasing. **Eric Swendsen** asked about how many ambulance calls they have per year. **TA Rollins** estimated that it is somewhere around 120.

The motion passed successfully.

4312 Highways & Streets Maintenance \$407,773

Chair Hood **motioned** to accept the Highway and Streets Maintenance budget at \$407,443

Brett Walker **seconded** the motion which passed successfully (*MacDuffie Sr. abstained*).

4910 Highway Projects

Brett Walker **motioned** that they table this item until there is more information.

Chair Hood **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

5500 Warrant Articles / CRF \$267,076

Chair Hood **motioned** that they table line item 5511.06-2016

Bill MacDuffie Sr. **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

Selectmen's Report

Brett Walker said the tax rate was set at \$16.20, up from \$15.96 last year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Murphy stated that she attended the last SB meeting. Brief discussion occurred regarding the school budget increase.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hood **motioned** that they adjourn the meeting.

Brett Walker **seconded** the motion and the Budget Committee adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer King, Recording Secretary