

Town of Colebrook
Board of Finance

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Minutes to Meeting of April 12, 2023

Members Present

J. Millar
K. Adams
T. McKeon
D. Wilber

Absent

D. Bielefield
T. Hiller

Others Present

C. Johnstone
R. Gilbert
D. Johnstone

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman J. Millar.

1. By way of addition to the original agenda, C. Johnstone explained the need to insulate the attic at the school to prevent ice dams. The estimated cost is \$25,000. Inasmuch as the 2022-23 CIP already provides \$80,000 to replace the roof at the school, T. McKeon suggested that combining the roof and the attic into one project might be cost effective. D. Wilber also suggested the possibility of a metal roof. The overall consensus of the discussion was to look into combining the projects, see if the school may have unspent money in its budget at yearend to fund the additional cost, and reconvene if a supplemental appropriation appears necessary.
2. The April 6 budget hearing was discussed next. At the hearing, C. Johnstone reiterated that the \$77,000 reduction to the Selectmen's budget, from a 7.3% increase to 4.0%, as requested by the Board of Finance, will be very difficult to achieve in the current environment. Concerning the \$25,000 reduction to the school's budget, R. Gilbert noted that it has not yet been reviewed in detail by the Board of Education, but that he thought it could be accomplished. Otherwise, none of the Board members recalled any significant comments about the budget, pro or con, by residents of the town.
3. J. Millar then moved to submit to referendum on May 2 the 2023-24 budget of \$7,286,259 and mill rate of 33.20 as proposed at the budget hearing on April 6. Second, K. Adams. Approved unanimously.
4. T. McKeon moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2023. Second, K. Adams. Passed unanimously.
5. K. Adams moved to adjourn. Second, J. Millar. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Millar
Chairman