

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC EXECUTIVE SESSION  
BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND VOTE  
(NO PUBLIC COMMENT)  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:00 pm  
Via Webex Only**

The Board of Selectmen held a Special Public Executive Budget Session/Budget Deliberations and Vote meeting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 via Webex only.

A recording of this meeting can be found here: [BOS Special Public Exec Session 2.28.2023.](#)

**FINAL MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick, Selectman Thomas Flynn, Selectwoman Nancy E. Lefkowitz

OTHERS PRESENT: WPCA Vice-Chair Joe D'Avanzo, Town Attorney James Baldwin, Budget Director Frank Magneri, CFO Jared Schmitt, FairTV

1) Call to Order

First Selectwoman Kupchick called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) PUBLIC EXECUTIVE BUDGET SESSION (*no public comment*) (*requires BOF and RTM approval*) (*postponed from 02/27/23 BOS Public Executive Session/Budget Deliberations and Vote Mtg*)

To consider and act upon proposed revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$8,676,432 for the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve the WPCA budget in the amount of \$8,676,432 for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion.

It was noted that the WPCA voted unanimously to approve the budget. Selectwoman Lefkowitz said she still has reservations approving this budget. Attorney Jim Baldwin said the investigation of the alleged misuse will not affect operations. Selectwoman Lefkowitz said she has a hard time believing organizational issues will not have an effect on operational issues. Selectman Flynn wanted to acknowledge the issues in the press over the weekend. It was stated that there will be an independent audit of operations and that the auditor has much experience in this area and will speak with the BOS regarding issues such as whether the WPCA is following best practices. Selectwoman Lefkowitz said the audit should be both financial and operational.

There was a discussion about some issues and whether or not they could approve the budget before the audit is finished. The audit would need to be complete before July 1, 2023 if they would need to make changes to the WPCA budget. The discussion continued.

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made an amendment to reduce the WPCA budget line 54310 Maintenance Repair Equipment and transfer \$375,000 to account 59500 Authorized Appropriations to bring that line to \$1,109,000. Selectman Flynn seconded the amendment which carried unanimously.

There was a discussion about issues with the broken digester.

The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

4) Adjourn

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien  
Recording Secretary