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Town of Dudley
Board of Selectmen
FAA Joint Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 6:30pm – Room 321A
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA Room 321A

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:**

Without objection, BOS Chair facilitates meeting, with both FAA and BOS to bring business to a vote, or take any other action relative to the agenda, as required.

2. **Town Administrator Report**

3. **Citizens Comments:**

4. **Public Hearing:**

Chair Opens Public Hearing

- TA provides recommendation(s) for FY24 budget that considers failed override. FAA and BOS discuss recommendation of TA with input from department heads as requested or required and take any other action relative thereto. Comment from Department Heads may also be requested relative to the Town Administrator's "Failed Override" draft budget recommendations.

Chair Closes Hearing for 10% Reduction FY24 Budget.

Board and FAA votes on the following actions:

1. **Vote to approve the Town Administrator's FY24 Reduced Budget Recommendation** or take any other action relative thereto (two separate votes)

2. **BOS Vote to Call a Special Election for April 25, 2023**

Suggested Motion: Move to call a special election for April 25, 2023 for the purposes of asking the voters to vote on allowing the Town to assess an additional sum in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operational expenses for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District and operational expenses for the Town of Dudley.

3. BOS Vote on Opting-In to Walk-In Voting

Chair recognizes Town Clerk to answer any questions the board may have on the following suggested motion: *Move to opt-in to walk-in voting for the April 25, 2023 Special election on the following three days, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM; April 18, 2023, April 19, 2023 and April 20, 2023 with the specific location in the Town Hall and related instructions to be determined and posted by the Town Clerk.*

4. BOS Vote to transmit the following question to the Town Clerk for the April 25th special election ballot:

Suggested Motion: Move to send the following question to the April 25th, 2023 special election ballot, "Shall the Town of Dudley be allowed to assess an additional \$4,981,116.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operational expenses for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District in the amount of \$ 3,172,925.00 and operational expenses for the Town of Dudley in the amount of \$1,808,192 for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2023?", and further authorize the Town Administrator to direct the Town Clerk to reduce the school district assessment, on the advice of the district administration, should such a request be made between now and March 20, 2023."

Chair Opens Hearing for FY24 Budget that consider successful passage of the April 25th, 2023
Override

- **Department Heads provide FY24 draft budget requests to FAA and BOS that considers successful passage of override. FAA and BOS discuss and pose questions to Department Heads as recognized by the Chair.**

1. Town Clerk
2. Assessor
3. Library
4. Highway
5. Board of Health
6. Veterans Services
7. Town Administrator

8. Town Accountant
9. Police
10. Treasurer/Collector
11. Fire Department
12. District Assessment

Chair closes hearing and BOS/FAA vote or take any other action relative thereto.

Suggested Motion (Voted Separately by FAA and BOS): *Move to accept FY24 draft budget, that considers a successful passage of the override.*

5. **New Business:**

a.) **Meeting Calendar**

Town Administrator suggests amended draft calendar of meetings through May 8, and BOS and FAA vote separately on schedule or takes any action(s) relative thereto:

- Monday, March 13th 2023 BOS Meeting (*posted as joint meeting with FAA only if required*).
- Thursday, March 26, 2023, joint meeting (if required only) to make any changes necessary to April 25, 2023 special election ballot.
- Monday, March 20, 2023 NO MEETINGS (unless required).
- Monday, March 27, 2023 Regular BOS Meeting
- Monday, April 10, 2023 Joint FAA/BOS Meeting
- Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM Capital Improvement Committee (Vote)
- Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7PM Joint FAA/BOS Meeting (if Required)
- Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:30PM BOS/FAA Joint (Final VOTE FY24)
- Monday, May 8, 2023 Regular BOS

6. **Old Business:**

- a. Highway Superintendent – Update on Brandon Rd. Mill Race Bridge

7. **Departmental Communication**

8. **Student Representative**

9. **Selectmen Comments**

9. **Adjournment:**

Any items discussed but not listed on the agenda are items not reasonably anticipated as a topic by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.