

Call to Order: Chairman Manners called the meeting to order. Others present: Selectboard member, Rick LaPierre, Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz and Finance Committee members Terri Mitchell, Jay Readinger, Todd Dubreuil, and Matt Popoli. Selectboard member, Andrew Baker and Town Moderator, Roland Giguere were absent.

Media Present: Bella Lavavi, Greenfield Recorder

Order of Business:

Review of August 14, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant – There are four articles to be presented at the August 14th special town meeting. Selectboard Chair, Robert Manners read each article and asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were no questions or comments regarding articles one thru four. Finance Committee member Matt Popoli asked for clarification regarding the Police Department's Salaries and Operating budget. Rather than reduce both budgets as originally proposed, Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz explained that the Division of Local Services advised the Town Accountant to utilize budgetary funds appropriated for the Police Department at the annual town meeting for all police related salaries and expenditures. The town's tax rate recapitulation sheet for FY'24 will show Buckland's quarterly revenue as an offset receipt. By doing so, the full dollar amount budgeted in FY'24 in preparation for shared police services will not impact the town's tax rate.

Adjournment: Rick LaPierre presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm. Bob Manners seconded the motion. Motion passed 2 to 0 as follows: Rick – yes; Bob – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Narkewicz

Town Administrator