

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**March 7, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Selectmen Roland P. Nutter, Lisa M. Ferolito and Bill Greathead; Town Administrator, Andrew MacLean; Administrative Assistant, Tracie Looney; Finance Committee Members, John Ladik, Sean McGinty, and Mark Vasapolli,

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mr. Nutter announced that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for rebroadcast.

**JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**1. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

**1.1 Joint Budget Review for FY2020**

The Town Administrator compared the Town of Pepperell’s tax rate with other surrounding towns during a slide presentation using numbers from Cleargov.com. The TA explained the impact on taxes if an override is approved. The TA discussed the FY2020 budget in length. He provided estimated revenue from FY2020 as \$27,219,892. The TA informed the Board that he had made cuts in the total of \$871,213 after discussions with the Department Heads. The result is a deficit of \$407,931. There was a lengthy discussion of the need for an override as well as the School budget being larger than expected. Without an override, this deficit needs to be resolved to achieve a balanced budget. In order to resolve this deficit there will be major cuts in personnel which will impact almost every department. The Council on Aging, Library and Public Safety Departments will be significantly affected. The Board of Selectmen as well as the Finance Committee are in favor of the need for an override.

**2. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Ms. Ferolito, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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Roland P. Nutter, Chairman

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Lisa M. Ferolito, Clerk

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Bill Greathead