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Budget & Building 02/24/2025

Attendance: Barb Glenn, Lorie Ames, Stacey Muolo, Jessica DeMarte, Director.

Absent: Dave Shearing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

First, the committee reviewed a request from the Development Committee to consider adding additional staff hours to the 2026 budget. After discussion, **Stacey made a motion to approve the 2026 budget with a 3.5% increase to the tax levy, Lorie was the second.**

The committee also reviewed the proposal to give part time staff paid holidays, starting in 2026. **Lorie made a motion that part time staff be given paid holidays, 2 per year if working an average of 10 hours weekly or less and 4 per year if working an average of 10 to 30 hours weekly, to be used for any of our regularly scheduled holiday closures. These will not roll over from year to year.** This change will be added to the Employee Handbook.

In accordance with other changes already approved by the board, **Lorie made a motion to accept the changes to the 2022 FY Capital Budget and Stacey was the second.**

The committee discussed various building projects and how they might affect the budget moving forward as part of preparing to start the new Long-Range Plan. Ideas included:

- Ramp
- Windows
- Room below the Gallery
- Storage needs, both upstairs and downstairs
- Scanning Local History
- Elevator

Director DeMarte will look into projecting out budgets for the next several years to use when developing the Long-Range Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica DeMarte (Director)