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To: MICHAEL ZALANSKY; Chet Lubelczyk; Bob Locatelli; Joe Trentacosta; Karen Hubacz; Shiela LeBlanc; Town Clerk; Selectmens" Office
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 5:28:12 AM

North Brookfield Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
North Brookfield Senior Center

Present: Mike Zalansky; Chet Lubelczyk; Bob Locatelli; Kathy Crevier; Joe Trentacosta; Karen Hubacz, Alternate
Also present: Brooke Canada, Jason Petraitis, John Tripp - Select Board; Shiela LeBlanc, Town Accountant

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes of February 16th accepted as printed
Minutes of March 2nd accepted as printed
Minutes of March 23rd accepted as printed

Tim McCormick, Interim Superintendent of North Brookfield School System, and Tim Canada, Chairman of School Committee, present to discuss Proposed FY 24 Operating Budget
Summary of their recommended budget is
Final FY 23 Budget $7,799,763.00
FY 24 Recommended Budget 8,975,209.79

Increase $1,175,446.73
15.07% increase
The three main reasons for this increase are:
Special Education Tuition $ 616,000.
Salaries 287,000.
Transportation 236,000.
These three account for 97% of the l5% total budget increase

Lengthy discussion which included Regionalization, School Choice, Special Ed Placement, Bussing, School Programs, Total Expenditure per Pupil (North Brookfield compared to nearby towns)

After School personnel and BOS left our meeting, we discussed our options in dealing with the Town's
anticipated 1.19 million dollar shortfall. Talked about an Override…
How much
How will it affect the tax rate
What if it doesn't pass
At this point, we have no solid answers

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 13th. Will ask Police Chief to attend (kc)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00