

## **SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024**

The council met on Wednesday, April 15, 2024, for the purpose of a Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Town Budget, in the Town Hall, Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 PM, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

PRESENT: Council Chairman, Nathan Calouro  
Vice-Chairwoman, Mary Parella,  
Councilman, Antonio "Tony" Teixeira  
Councilman, Timothy Sweeney  
Councilman, Aaron Ley

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, Steven Contente  
Treasurer, Sara Hassell

### **AGENDA**

1. Public Hearing on Budget 2024-2025

Chairman Calouro expressed gratitude to the administration, department heads, and finance department for their diligent efforts throughout the budget process. He acknowledged that it was a challenging endeavor and commended the team for producing an efficient, well-thought-out, and cost-effective budget that would effectively serve the needs of the town. He noted the change in the sewer use fee from the last budget of \$580.00 to this year's fee of \$621.98, and that the anticipated tax rate is set to rise from \$13.36 to \$13.83, representing a 3.52% increase.

Council Chairman Calouro opened the meeting to the public.

*It is hereby recorded that no further testimony was provided by members of the public either in favor or opposition to the matter*

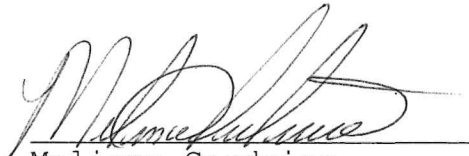
Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to close the public hearing

Town Administrator Contente reiterated the Chairman's sentiments and expressed gratitude to the council for their support. He also pointed out that many of the department heads present at the meeting are not only raising their families here but are deeply invested in the community's responsible growth while maintaining its close-knit atmosphere. Highlighting the town's

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024**

reputation as one of the safest places to live, he attributed it to the diligence of all involved. Town Administrator Contente provided an update on ongoing projects, emphasizing their positive impact on the town's aesthetics and progress. Additionally, he thanked the council for their dedication to initiatives related to open space preservation, education, and public safety. Finally, he expressed appreciation to the department heads for their collaboration in pursuing common goals.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Teixeira and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 7:10 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Cordeiro', written over a horizontal line.

Melissa Cordeiro  
Council Clerk