



**Town of Henniker
Henniker Budget Advisory Committee / Henniker Board of
Selectmen
Town Hall
October 23, 2023, 4:30 pm**

Members Present Selectmen: Kris Blomback, Bill Marko, Jeff Morse, Neil Martin, Scott Osgood
Budget Advisory Committee: Lori Marko, Heidi Aucoin, Jarrod Gleason, Tim Payson, Alison Mrohs

Recording: Heidi Aucoin

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Marko, Chair Budget Advisory Committee

Jarrod Gleason Motioned for Heidi Aucoin to take joint board minutes

Second Alison Mrohs

Unanimous

Item #1 – 2024 Budget Workshop

The advisory committee questioned if the Selectmen has a strategic plan?

Discussion ensued that talked through budget challenges.

More discussion was relative to the following points:

- Merit / COLA increases overall 14% +/-
- Current tax base / evaluation \$737,303,000
- Add value each year to tax base for additions, new construction etc.
- We budget for the level of service needed to operate the town even if spaces are not filled.
- Revenues are estimated to offset budget needs

Overall challenge to the Budget Advisory Committee from the Board of Selectmen:

Ensure that Department Heads bring budgets adequate to meet the needs of our community and the level of service expected and provided.

Our Master Plan influences our budgets and the direction of upcoming needs and decisions.

Item #2 – Selectboard Discussion – 202/9 / 127 DOT Plans for Intersection Roundabout

- Overall discussion was to challenge the State to come up with plan that doesn't reduce the speed to 15 miles per hour
- The board overall does not feel a roundabout is the solution.

Bill Marko motioned to authorize Neil Martin and Diane Kendall to draft a letter from the board with the bullet points of concern and submit it prior to DOT deadline for public concern.

Seconded by Neil Martin

Unanimous Vote

Board gave consensus to change the Budget Workshop from Saturday, November 11, 2023 to Saturday, November 18, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**Heidi J Aucoin
Budget Advisory Committee**