



# Town of Bellingham

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Chairman Michael Connor. All Board members were participating in the meeting via Zoom. Also actively participating in the meeting were Interim Town Administrator Beth Cornell-Smith, CFO Mary MacKinnon and Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. This meeting was also accessible to the public via the Zoom online option.

Mr. Connor stated the purpose of this meeting was to approve a third set of year end transfers needed to wrap up the 2023 fiscal year end. Mrs. MacKinnon noted the largest transfer needed was a transfer for the Police Department's overtime budget. She stated she invited Chief Fitzgerald to speak on this matter. Chief Fitzgerald stated he inherited this budget and the deficit was largely due to the fact that they sent 10 recruits to the Police Academy. He explained these recruits are paid while they are in the academy and at the same time he is paying overtime to fill the vacant shifts. He also stated that he has no control of the number of officers who are out on vacation at any given time as there are no restriction in their contract.

Mr. Connor asked if the deficit was also a result of paying out vacation or sick time when the Chief Daigle retired and Mrs. MacKinnon stated it was not.

Mrs. Grant stated the police union just signed their contract for another 3 years so this is something that should be looked at in the future.

On a Hennessy/Grant motion the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the FY23 Transfers as submitted by the CFO.

On a Grant/Hennessy motion, the Board unanimously voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilarie J. Allie  
Administrative Assistant