

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2021, 7:00 P.M.  
MEETING ROOM 1, SALEM TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT**

Kevin Lyden  
Edward Chmielewski, Jr.  
Hugh McKenney  
Terri Salas  
Ron Labonte

**ABSENT**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectman Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*E-mail public comment to [SelectmenPublicComment@salemct.gov](mailto:SelectmenPublicComment@salemct.gov) prior to 7:10 p.m.*

No comments were received via e-mail or the white drop box located in front of Town Hall.

**3. AGENDA:**

**A. Discussion, Review and Approval of Selectmen's operating budget as per section 10.02A of the Salem Town Charter (*Discussion & Action*)**

The proposed Selectmen's operating budget was covered by First Selectman Lyden.

Discussion of the needs of the Town focused on Department 105 (salaries). The Board of Selectmen were very supportive of increasing the EMT/FF (line 121) for the enhanced safety of our residents.

The Board suggested an increase of \$37,855 to Public Works (Line 116) due to contractual increases and the position of a manager/foreman instead of an entry level maintainer.

**M/S/C: McKenney/Salas to approve Selectmen's operating budget as per Section 10.02A of the Salem Town Charter for fiscal year 2021/2022 as follows:**

<b>Department 100</b>	<b>\$7,570</b>
<b>Department 105</b>	<b>\$1,299,665</b>
<b>Department 126</b>	<b>\$49,000</b>
<b>Department 134</b>	<b>\$106,310</b>
<b>Department 135</b>	<b>\$52,700</b>
<b>Department 138</b>	<b>\$434,410</b>
<b>Department 140</b>	<b>\$155,592</b>
<b>Department 152</b>	<b>\$115,050</b>
<b>Department 157</b>	<b>\$12,203</b>
<b>Department 310</b>	<b>\$266,160</b>
<b>Department 410</b>	<b>\$178,100</b>

**Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C: LaBonte/Chmielewski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by: Meredith Eisenberg, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem