Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
2027 Budget Work Session #3
October 16, 2026

The Norfolk Town Board held a 2027 Budget Work Session on Friday October 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Eric Molnar, Councilwoman Denise Maldonado, Councilman Martin Blair Sr..

Also present were Town Clerk Stephanie O'Shea, Planning Board Chair Kate Chepeleff, and Budget Officer William Dashnaw.

Budget Officer Dashnaw distributed the current worksheet (3rd draft budget dated 10/16/2026) to all board members. He asked each board member to review the changes and ask any questions in preparation for the Preliminary Budget Hearing. After the public hearing any necessary changes can be made to the budget before adopting the final budget.

Budget Officer Dashnaw stated General Fund A Real Property Tax is at $0 until any other changes are made to the budget today, then he will adjust accordingly.

Budget Officer Dashnaw stated General Fund A Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes will be amended after he receives the actual number for 2027.

Supervisor Pernice asked if Police & Constable in General Fund A could be re-worded to Court Security. Budget Officer Dashnaw will look into this, but it would need a new state number if the wording was changed.

Budget Officer Dashnaw will update the amount in General Fund A Dog Shelter Contract to $5,000 per Supervisor Pernice.

Councilman Martin Blair asked if Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon could get more money for fuel in the budget since it is more expensive. Budget Officer Dashnaw said he would look into this and stated there is also the FB Fund he could fall back on if more money was needed for fuel throughout the year.

Budget Officer Dashnaw stated Highway Fund DB State Aid/CHIPS will be amended after he receives the actual numbers for 2027.

Planning Board Chair Kate Chepeleff requested $3,500 for a Cedarwood grant writer so that the NY BRICKS grant application could be submitted by December 7th to make improvements to the Dominic Zappia Arena. All of the board members were in favor of taking $3,500 out of contingency fund in the 2026 budget for a grant writer.

Councilman Martin Blair asked if Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon could have a new pickup truck added to the 2027 budget. Supervisor Pernice will look into the figures of a new pickup truck and let Budget Officer Dashnaw know if the money should be added into the budget.

Brenda Paige questioned what community events could be included on the electronic sign that was put in the budget. There was discussion.

The Preliminary Budget Hearing is set for November 12th at 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Budget Work Session was closed at 5:19pm with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. AIF – Carried

Dated: October 20, 2026

Stephanie O'Shea – Norfolk Town Clerk