

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 4, 2019

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: M. Trudell, J. Burke, R. Ardine, M. Ahigian, A. Hamilton, D. Shea, M. Sullivan, , R. Nottebart, B. Bain, L. Van Der Linden, K. Greulich, S. Lawson and A. Flowers. Members absent were: D. Crowley and E. Barmakian. Also in attendance was Town Administrator J. Johnson, Assistant Town Administrator P. Shield, Fire Chief T. Bailey, Police Chief J. Carmichael, DPW Director R. Mattson, Recreation Director B. Croak, Town Clerk L. Gaffey, Economic Development Director J. Charbonneau, Conservation Agent L. Hershey, Finance Director M. Thompson and Town Accountant J. Cuneo.

7:00 p.m. – Quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman M. Trudell.

May 6, 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting

Town Administrator recapped the draft warrant and provided a general overview of the individual articles. Articles highlighted:

Article 13 – Rte. 1-A Fields – It was explained that the funds for this article are unknown, at this time, due to Administration looking at different alternates. Firm numbers will be available just prior to Town Meeting. Funding of this article requires 2/3 vote of Town Meeting.

Article 15 – Rescind Borrowing Articles/Bond Counsel has requested that Town Meeting rescind the monies left in the list of articles.

Article 18 – Mullen Rule /This article will allow the Planning Board member to take advantage of the Mullen Rule. (Member is absent from one session of a hearing would not be disqualified from voting, providing certain conditions are met).

Article 22/Private Petition – Impacts on Climate Change. Petitioner is scheduled to meet with the Committee on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. There are many questions on adopting this article i.e. what the costs involved, etc.

Administrator provided a brief summary of the Revenue and Expenditure Summary, Property Tax Levy, State Aid. Actual and Estimated Local Receipts, Other Available Funds and Town and School Split Breakdown, dated January 3, 2019. Selectmen are pleased with the local receipt numbers. Two major items are the motor vehicle and

license/permits. He has not factored in the Prison Mitigation Funds (Town is not guaranteed the funds till we actually receive them)

Budget Review

Administration – Personnel change with the position being moved to Employee Fringe Benefits Budget.

Town Clerk – Change in personnel, new employee starting at a lower rate.

Elections – There are less elections. Town does receive reimbursement for some elections and these funds (approximately \$5,000-\$6,000) go into the general fund.

Debt budget – General overview provided.

FinCom Meetings Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019. Scheduled are Culture and Recreation Budgets, and Public Safety Budgets.

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MOTION MADE by B. Bain, Seconded by S. Lawson to approve the minutes of October 11, 2018, Motion Passed, Unanimously

Adjourn:

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by K. Greulich to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., Motion Passed (13-0-0) (13 voting) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Clare P. Abril
Clerk