

Finance Committee Meeting February 11, 2021

Present

Finance Committee

Mark Trudell (Chair)
Dennis Crowley
Josette Burke
Brian Bain
Jeff Fisher
Andrew Flowers
Kathleen Foley Greulich
Allyson Hamilton
Steve Hendricks
Susan Lawson
Lucy Romanowiz
Douglas Shea
Mark Sullivan
Lisa Van der Linden

Additional

Don Anderson	Patrick Shield
Jim Johnson	Rick Mattson
Andrew Hand	Carl Balduf
Jody Cuneo	Justin Monta

Roll Call 14 in attendance

Rick Mattson – discussion on DPW budget

Highway dept. two new position to be shared with parks and Highway to make them seasonal
Engineering dept. inspectional services position
Building Maintenance decreased due to previous budgets that were estimates
Reductions in inspectional services, estimated and was a reduced
Equipment maintenance budget, schools and other facilities, he was able to reduce his budget because he has better handle on maintaining the buildings at this stage.
20% engineering reduction dam inspections might reoccur in 3-4 years
Utilities bills? Everything seems to be the same

Building Maintenance Budget - \$2,363,558.00

Discussion on Old Town Hall what is happening building– bid the project out twice but due to COVID there was no interest. All options are opened, \$75,000 grant to make improvements to the building.

General Government \$5,760,299.00

Motion moved – Dennis Crowley

2nd – by Kathleen Foley Greulich

Vote – 14-0-0 Favorable

Culture & Recreation \$2,001,382.00

Motion for favorable action moved – Josette Burk

2nd – Doug Shea

12-0-2 (Steve Hendricks & Kathleen Foley Greulich Abstain)

Parks

Discussion on professional service and how to break that out and be more specific

Most of the increase is for the water at the sports complex

Justin will be breaking the budget to be more defined

DPW Engineering – Discussion on projects on going now federal, state and town

Discussion on what boards he assists with the most planning board and board of appeal

DPW Administration - Discussion on storm water permit and outside staffing

Snow and Ice – the cost depends on how much snow we have in a year. Increase on the rate for the contract plow drivers to be more competitive.

Street Lighting – Discussion on security services directly related to police details for repairing catch basin and road repair. Discussion on using LED lighting to save some money in the near future

Motion for favorable action \$5,686,989.00 – Josette Burk

2nd Mark Sullivan

14-0-0

Motion to adjourn – Dennis Crowley 2nd Susan

14-0-0