

Finance Committee Meeting held on April 15, 2021 @6:30 at Police Station

Present: Karen Kiley, Michelle Petraitis, Chet Lubelczyk, Tara Hayes, alternate Kathy Crevier

Absent: April Hubacz, Robert Locatelli

Guests: Shiela Leblanc, Dale Kiley

Meeting was chaired by Karen and called to order at 6:34

- Minutes of 4/8/21
  - Kathy motion, Chet second, unanimous
- FYI Transfers
  - BOH – informational only
    - \$810 within expenses
- Old Business
  - Budgets
    - Fire Department
      - Assistant Chief Salary – why do they have 3 chiefs?
        - Dale explained that there are 3 teams within a fire department and each team has a chief
        - Tara made a motion to not fund the Assistant Chief salary line item and to prorate it when the chief is ready to appoint; Michelle second, unanimous
    - Highway
      - Off Duty Police detail
        - Hasn't been used in a couple of years; highway can close the road to conduct work
        - Tara made a motion to not fund the Off Duty Police line item; Chet second, unanimous
    - School
      - Last discussed taking \$1M from FY21 appropriation
        - According to DESE the net school spending amount is \$3,100,851
      - Plan B?
        - Is there a way to make up the \$1.3M?
          - School asked about a prop 2.5 override
            - That would increase an average of \$350/year
            - Elderly on fixed incomes can't afford
            - Would need a special town meeting and a special town election to pass
          - There is nothing to cut from other departments; any cuts made don't come close to meeting that gap
      - Discussion of the monies that the school will get
        - \$4,308,000 from Chapter 70
        - \$5,100,000 from the town
        - \$1,900,000 paid by the town for benefits
        - \$11,308,000 total
  - Can we get additional monies from the state or federal government to make up for the GGG money we didn't get because they were closed?
    - To be explored
  - There is talk about being able to get monies to replace the funds taken from our stabilization expenditures
    - To be explored
  - Revenue sources
    - Put lease stabilization funds into the spreadsheet for a revenue source



- New Business
  - Budget Updates
    - Cemetary
      - Salary calculation error to be fixed
    - Police
      - Changes to police salary and police career incentive
        - New hire qualifies for the Quinn Bill but lower on salary
      - Chief's salary increase of >9%
        - New contract, new formula; need copy of contract
          - Tabled to next meeting
  - STM Articles
    - Trying to put together a FinComm recommendation
- Next meeting on April 22, 2021 @6:30
- Motion to adjourn, Tara, second by Chet, unanimous @7:59

#### Follow up items

- All transfers will have a copy sent to BOS & FinComm
- Get a copy of the 1983 Beach Agreement GOT IT!!!!!!
- Lease payoff dates

#### Capital Plans

- Leases
  - Fire
    - Turnout Gear
      - Last payment 8/23
      - \$8358.71
    - Fire Truck
      - Last Payment 8/24
      - \$85,197.89
- Highway
  - Chipper
    - See 5/7/21 STM article
      - To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$23,800.00 from Highway Salary account to Tree Warden's expense account
  - Mulcher/mower machine
    - Take funds from balance of that transfer to fix current to 100%
  - Truck
    - On hold
  - Salt shed repairs to fascia
    - On radar for FY23
- Fire Department
  - Aerial Truck inspection
  - Air pack inspections