

Finance Committee Meeting held on March 18, 2021 @6:30 at Police Station

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

Absent: April Hubacz

Guests: Dale Kiley, Joe Holway, Shiela Leblanc

Meeting was chaired by Karen called to order at 6:36

- Minutes of 3/11/21, motion by Michelle to accept, seconded by Chet, voted unanimous
- Fire Department Budget continued
 - Air Pack Lease
 - Supposed to be from GGG monies
 - Can deficit spend these accounts as long as they are at least zero balanced by end of FY
 - Joe has \$5230 left in Assistant Chief Salary account
 - Joe will call to see if we can move payment to May with no penalty
 - Revisit after that discussion
 - Transfer
 - \$1,550 from Air Tank Expense account to General Repair & Maintenance for heater in fire barn
 - Postponing the heater in the highway barn
 - Dale checking vote & if STM needed
 - Use Asst Chief monies, FinComm, other available monies
- Transfers
 - \$1,000 from FinComm Reserve Fund to Town Clerk Election & Census Postage
 - To cover the cost of the additional postage for the vote by mail ballots for the September & November elections
 - Town will be getting reimbursement from the state
 - Bob motion to approve, Michelle seconded, Tara abstained, approved
- Town Beach Committee continued
 - Kathy met with the 5 members of EB Beach Committee
 - EB BOS pays \$1,200 to install the docks
 - Their budget is \$8,000 more than ours
 - But they understand
 - Salaries for lifeguards
 - EB wants to increase to \$15/hour/7 hours/day/6 days/week for 2 guards
 - \$1,260/week for 10 weeks
 - EB doesn't want passes
 - They don't care about other towns coming to the beach
 - EB wants NBPD to patrol the beach area more
 - Swimming lessons are not advertised in North Brookfield
 - EB was complaining about the erosion
 - Bond tried to donate sand in the past but EB declined the offer
- School Budget
 - Chet reviewed their budget
 - Superintendent is asking for a 6% raise
 - Also gets \$40,000 for HS principal work
 - Teachers & administration decided to "forego" their raises last year so they are getting both raises this year
 - All are getting 6% raise?
 - Not about the children & programs

- As long as the town's contribution is over the net school spending amount, we are compliant.
 - NSS plus \$100,000
- Next meeting on March 25, 2021 @6:30
- Motion to adjourn

Follow up items

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

Capital Plans

- Highway
 - Chipper
 - Mulcher/mower machine
 - Truck
 - Salt shed repairs to fascia
- Fire Department
 - Aerial Truck inspection