

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Town Offices on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:30PM. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present.

Shiela LeBlanc (Town Accountant) presented single audit letter for signature and spoke about extension on urban housing because of COVID.

The school Super Mary Jane Rickson had requested to turn in her budget on March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board agreed that would be ok. Shiela briefly discussed issues with the school balancing their budget, they haven't balanced with her since September 2021.

Shiela said she watched the school's budget meeting and they are looking for an increase of 9.63% even though they were asked to level fund to December's budget (after 3% cut). Shiela said they were also missing some revenues.

Shiela said we only received one Green Gold payment in January and February (each). Mr. Kiley said he spoke to Jim McMahon who said there was a new accountant.

Shiela said we are covered for the Fire Truck and Air Pack lease payments for this year, now the money we're getting needs to be transferred. She stated Mark Smith doesn't have enough funds to cover his new employee. Mr. Kiley asked how much money we're supposed to be getting, Shiela said she didn't know. Mr. Kiley said 3% of gross retail sales.

Mr. Tripp asked if we could meet with Green Gold, Mr. Kiley said we could and would reach out to them to setup a meeting. Mr. Kiley said the money is intended to pay off the leases and not lease anymore. Mr. Kiley said he would also contact DOR to see if he could get information on the amount Green Gold should be paying.

Shiela reiterated that Green Gold is a big concern right now, we can't meet the end of year needs as it stands. There is still money in Free Cash but we don't know the school choice amount. Shiela said there was a \$1,424 increase for Bay Path this year which she can transfer from Free Cash, but she is concerned about Green Gold. Discussion about paying off the Fire Truck was had but it would cost the Town about \$5,000 to pay off early.

Mr. Tripp asked about paying back Capital Stabilization for the first Fire Truck payment, Shiela said we could and that the auditors told us we're low on Capital Stabilization funds.

Shiela said for FY23 Charter School Assessment is 350,000, up from 140,000 for FY22. School Choice out went up \$14,701 from FY22 to FY23 and she is worried about spending Free Cash. Mr. Petraitis asked when we would know the School Choice amount, Shiela said not until June.

Shiela said the money set aside for repairs at the Arnold's property is still in the budget and we may have to encumber that unless it's reversed at Town Meeting. She also said going into March we're going to start seeing negative balances. She suggested having municipal buildings set at certain temperatures to save on heating.

Mr. Tripp said the fire extinguishers at Huck's have been replaced, that will be a \$600 invoice. The railing is just about done, labor was donated and Patrick Gustafson donated materials.

Mr. Petraitis questioned if we should have Town Counsel present for Special Town Meeting, Mr. Kiley said yes and asked Ashley to request Attorney Riley's presence on May 6.

Mr. Kiley said he would closeout the CARES Act reporting, and that he tried to log in for ARPA reporting but the information he received didn't work.

There being no further business Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre