

Finance Committee Meeting of May 14, 2020 @6:30 via Zoom & at Police Station


Present: Karen Kiley, Michelle Petraitis (via Zoom), Chet Lubelczyk, Tara Hayes

Absent: April Hubacz, Robert Locatelli

Guests: Dale Kiley

Meeting was conducted via Zoom and in person, chaired by Karen and called to order at 6:37.

- Minutes of May 7, 2020 were reviewed and accepted, unanimous
- School Budget Update
  - School Committee and Administration share concerns about upcoming fiscal year
  - Thankful & happy for the \$25,000 addition to the budget where other departments are being level funded
  - Per Elisabeth Melad
    - Teachers & Union agreed to forego the 2% contractual raise as a good faith effort & "we are all in this together"
    - Per Rich, this represents savings of \$80,000 for teachers & \$20,000 for administration
  - Question on saving money on busing
    - Department of Education recommends working with the bus companies
- Regionalization Committee
  - Rich gave update
    - 18 people on committee
    - 3 regional districts interested
      - Quabbin
      - Quaboag
      - Spencer East Brookfield
    - Getting data from all 3
- Budget update
  - Planning Board Clerk
    - Anything on the salary?
      - Want to make more aligned
      - Lack of raises in the past
  - BOH
    - Any response on recycling contracts?
      - The contracts are going up based on tonnage
      - Not getting revenue from recyclables
    - Landfill Well Monitoring
      - It is a DEP requirement for other wells
    - Cares Act will cover the costs for Modified Single Stream
- Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Michelle, seconded by Karen, unanimous

  
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