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To: MICHAEL ZALANSKY; Chet Lubelczyk; Bob Locatelli; Joe Trentacosta; Karen Hubacz; Shiela LeBlanc; Town Clerk; Selectmens" Office
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North Brookfield Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, May 10 , 2023
North Brookfield Senior Center

Present: Mike Zalansky; Chet Lubelczyk; Kathy Crevier; Joe Trentacosta; Bob Locatelli
Absent: Karen Hubacz, Alternate
Also Present: John Tripp; Brooke Canada, BOS; Shiela LeBlanc, Town Accountant; Tara Hayes, Town Clerk;
Tim Canada, Chair School Board; Tim McCormick, Interim School Superintendent; Joe Holway, Fire Chief;
Darin Anderson, Deputy Fire Chief

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chairman, Mike Zalansky

Minutes of May 4th meeting accepted as corrected. Did not mention the $230,000 school offset (Circuit Breaker
And School Choice). Bob abstained from voting because he did not attend meeting

Fire Dept.;
Joe Holway, Fire Chief, present to request funds to cover salaries through May
Salaries do not include payment for events/functions they might attend
There is no fine for fire negligence when burning brush, and they have a Burn Permit
Could fire permit fees be increased?
Voted to transfer $10,000 from Reserve Fund to Fire Dept. - Salaries

Discussion - Town Budget:
Police Dept.:
New Hire - will increase police from 5 to 6, plus the Chief
The elimination of part-time police officers has significantly increased Overtime Account
Voted to accept Police Dept. proposed budget

Highway Dept.:
Used Mower is at Ahearn's where it is being serviced.
Did not go out to bid, as the bidding process can be bypassed because it is a state vendor

After lengthy discussion, it was determined that we need $900,000 to balance budget.

School
Tim McCormick, School Superintendent, announced they could cut a para

professional position
Which would help with the budget-balancing issues

Voted to take up to $800,000 from Stabilization to balance the budget.
Also discussed the need to have an Override next year. This should be explained to the voters at our up-coming Town Meeting.

Next FinCom meeting will be Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30 at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20