

Bd of Finance/Selectmen
Regular Meeting December 4, 2019
Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road

Board of Finance members present: Susan Haxo, James Richardson, Eric Schoenfeld, Robyn Kasler, David Robinson, Luke Tanner

Selectmen present: Tim Angevine, Craig Nelson, Alexandra Papp

Also present: Colleen Frisbie, Town Treasurer, three members of the public

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by chair Susan Haxo.

1. E. Schoenfeld moved to accept the minutes of September 4, 2019 meeting with the correction to the motion to adjourn to read "seconded by E. Schoenfeld". Second by J. Richardson. All in favor, the motion carried.
2. Public comment: None
3. Additions to agenda-Jack Travers spoke to the need for a 5 year capital plan. Discussion followed regarding separating the operating budget from a capital improvement budget.
4. 6 wheel dump truck-Josh Tanner, Road Foreman, spoke to the need to replace our oldest truck which is 17 years old. Price +/- \$200,000. We have \$141,000 in the equipment fund. The trade in figure is low, \$5,000. He would like to auction the existing truck off as well as a few other items that are no longer needed here with those proceeds to go toward the purchase. He would like to purchase the truck this spring or summer to give time to work the kinks out before winter plowing begins. It was asked if the current truck could go another year. Yes, but it would cost some money to keep it going and would throw off the schedule of a new truck every three years. Josh would prefer to stay on the replacement schedule and not put any more into this truck.

J. Richardson moved to send to town meeting the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck per the replacement schedule, not to exceed \$200,000, with funds from the equipment fund and proceeds from the sale of the existing truck and equipment. The balance is to come from capital non-recurring fund. Second by E. Schoenfeld. All in favor, the motion carried.

D. Robinson spoke to the need for a long term capital plan. The selectmen and the finance board should work on this together, with the selectman canvassing the departments and bringing suggestions to the board.

5. Expenditures-Expenditures are in line with the budget. There is nothing new about the teacher pension issue at this time. Tim reported that the assessor would like to bring in a trainee. The position of land use officer was discussed, with the possible need to increase compensation, sharing with other towns, and the possibility that the NWCOG would hire and compensate this person and bill us. It was noted that work on the new budget begins in late December/early January.
6. J. Richardson moved to recommend the transfer of \$400,000 from undesignated fund balance into designated fund balance, with \$200,000 going towards town roads and \$200,000 to capital improvements for town property go to a town meeting for approval. Second by R. Kasler. All in favor, the motion carried

D. Robinson moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm, second by L.Tanner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann