

Bd of Finance/Selectmen  
Regular Meeting December 5, 2018  
Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road

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

Regrets: David Robinson

Selectmen present: Craig Nelson, Calvin Tanner, Stephen Warshaw

Also present: Colleen Frisbie, Town Treasurer, Enrico Melaragno, Auditor

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

1. J. Richardson moved to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting, seconded by L. Tanner. All in favor.
  
2. 2017-2018 Audit-Enrico Melaragno presented the draft audit. He began by thanking the town hall employees for their cooperation during the audit process. The audit is due at the end of the month and no extension will be needed if the board votes to approve it. He noted that the audit shows a fund balance equal to approximately 4.5 months of operating expenses. He noted no problems and that all results were "to the good". J. Richardson moved to accept the audit with the following correction: Page 18 last paragraph be changed from "Warren Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and Ambulance Association, Inc." to read "Warren Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.". Second by L. Tanner, all in favor, the motion carried.
  
3. Expenditures-No concerns, in line with the budget. Craig Nelson reported that we are looking at a 7% increase in health insurance costs for next year's budget and that starting with January 2020 we are liable for a "Cadillac tax" of 40% on premiums because we have a "gold" health insurance plan. He also noted that we will be going out to bid for trash pickup this year and to expect a large increase as there are fewer haulers and less competition. Also we will most likely have to begin paying for recyclables rather than being paid for them. We are also looking at a \$117,000 increase in our Region 6 allocation next year. There is discussion being held regarding going to a 3 year average for Region 6 in order to even out the increases and decreases that we see yearly. This would have to be approved by all three towns at referendum as well as by the State Board of Education.  
S. Haxo asked about the status of fire truck #3. The pump is no longer a stock items and it needs to be cast and machined. This is being worked on.  
S. Warshaw reported that at this time no one is running for ambulance chief for the new term.

L.Tanner/S. Haxo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann