

Bd of Finance/Selectmen
Regular Meeting February 6, 2019
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: Richard Ponton, Roger Tanner

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

1. E. Schoenfeld moved to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting, seconded by J. Richardson. All in favor.
2. Richard Ponton spoke for the Warren Volunteer Fire Company asking to open the dialogue on the purchase of a new fire truck. A meeting of the WVFC and Finance Board subcommittee has been scheduled for February 27, 2019 at 7pm at the fire house. Members from the Finance Board are Robyn Kasler, Jim Richardson, Eric Schoenfeld, and Susan Haxo (as alternate). Members from the Fire Company are Joann Marsh, Ted Pettit, Richard Ponton and Roger Tanner (as alternate). Mr. Ponton asked the board if there was anything they needed in preparation for the meeting. Mr. Richardsdon pointed out that some members have little understanding of the fire company's finances so an overview of how those finances work will be helpful. S. Warshaw noted that the auditor had made a compelling case for the Finance Board to know more about Fire Company finances and the need to build toward more transparency. In addition J. Richardson asked for a better understanding of the current equipment and what the needs are. S. Warshaw also spoke to the need to consider budgeting for paid staff in the future.
3. Expenditures-No concerns, in line with the budget.
4. Budget Workshop-A few items to be considered: The trash hauling contract is up on June 30, 2019. The Bd Selectmen approved an extension of five years with no increase the first year, then 5% per year for the four years after that. Recycling is an unknown. Historically we have been paid for recycling but it is believed that we now will have to pay for it. Our Region 6 allocation will increase \$117,737. It is hoped that we will go to a three year average, but all three Boards of Selectmen need to approve it. This would take effect in the new budget if passed.

Some maintenance issues that need attending to are the roof on the barn at Warren Woods, windows in the Country Store building and upgrading the Academy (carpet, ADA compliant bathroom).

L.Tanner/E. Schoenfeld moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne C. Tiedmann