

Bd of Finance/Selectmen
Regular Meeting February 5, 2020
Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road

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

Selectmen present: Tim Angevine, Craig Nelson, Alexandria Papp

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

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

1. J. Richardson moved to accept the minutes of December 4, 2019. Second by L. Tanner. All in favor, the motion carried.
2. L. Tanner moved to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Special Meeting. Second by J. Richardson. All in favor, the motion carried.
3. Public comment-None
4. C. Frisbie requested to add bonds to the agenda. J. Richardson moved to add "Bonds" as #9 to the agenda. Second by R. Kasler. All in favor, the motion carried.
5. WVFC-fire truck bid-R. Ponton spoke for the Fire Co. The bid proposal was presented to the selectmen and approved, he is asking that the Board of Finance move it forward. D. Robinson asked if the phrase "or acceptable equivalent" can be added so that bidders are not constrained by a single manufacturer. T. Pettit was concerned that they get bids for what they are really looking for. It was pointed out that when the bids are received the package would go to the Fire Co. for their review and recommendation. Discussion followed. It was agreed that an "or acceptable equivalent" statement will be added to the bid proposal. J. Richardson moved to recommend to a Special Town Meeting the approval of a fire truck bid not to exceed \$550,000 with funds coming from the Fire Truck Replacement Fund with any balance to come from Undesignated Fund Balance. Second by Eric Schoenfeld. All in favor, the motion carried.
6. Subcommittee of BoF members and WVFC-J. Richardson moved to change the schedule of the joint committee to meet once a year in June with special meetings to be called as needed. Second by E. Schoenfeld. A long term plan had been reviewed with the Fire Co. and it can be reviewed at the June meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.
7. Review of 19/20 expenses-No concerns. T. Angevine noted that land use officer salary will go up next year and that we will be looking to hire an assistant assessor on a sharing basis with Roxbury.

8. Budget Workshop-E. Schoenfeld would like to see more go into the Fire Truck replacement fund, but also noted that if a town's contribution to the Fire Co budget is more than 50% of their budget there needs to be Town representation on the Fire Co. board. It is hoped that we can avoid that scenario but need better definition from our auditor. Discussion followed as to how the town's contribution shows on the Fire Co. budget. E. Schoenfeld also addressed salaries and the need to be fair and equitable to all employees in the town with the idea of how to achieve that. Insurance and pensions were discussed.
9. Bonds-Barry Bernabe, who was the consultant on our bonding for this building, contacted C. Frisbie as to the fact that the town can refinance the bond and save a considerable amount as it has been ten years. It was suggested that we invite him to our April meeting to discuss.
10. J. Richardson moved that as of the April meeting the time be changed to 7 pm. Second by D. Robinson. All in favor, the motion carried. The March meeting will begin at 7:30 pm as posted.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn at 8:48 pm (E. Schoenfeld/R. Kasler). All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann