

Bd of Finance/Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting February 3, 2021 via Zoom

Board of Finance members present: James Richardson, Eric Schoenfeld, Robyn Kasler, David Robinson

Regrets: Susan Haxo, Luke Tanner

Selectmen present: Tim Angevine, Craig Nelson, Alexandria Papp

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

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm by vice chair Eric Schoenfeld and a roll call attendance was taken.

1. *D. Robinson moved to accept the minutes of November 4, 2020. Second by J. Richardson. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, the motion carried.*
2. *Additions to the agenda: E. Schoenfeld moved to add FY 2021/2022 budget process to the agenda between items 6 & 7. Second by D. Robinson. Roll call vote, all in favor, the motion carried.*
3. *Expenditures FY20/21: D. Robinson began a discussion regarding the need to put away sufficient funds for fire truck replacement as well as public works future equipment needs. D. Robinson moved that the Fire Company and Public Works come forward with replacement plans for the next 15 years with costs adjusted for inflation. Second by J. Richardson. Discussion followed. Tim Angevine agreed to approach both parties with this request. J. Richardson emphasized that the board wants to be sure they are putting the right amounts away to meet future needs. T. Angevine added that he would like to add a 5 year capital plan. Roll call vote was taken, all in favor, the motion carried.*

Expenditures look to be on track with the exception of the Registrars of Voters salaries.

4. *Additional appropriations for new police boat: T. Angevine received a request from Washington to increase our share for the new police boat as the trade in was not as much as expected. D. Robinson moved to add \$1,880 to the FY 2020/2021 budget line for the police boat, funds to come from the general fund. Second by J. Richardson. Roll call vote, all in favor, the motion carried.*
5. *Additional Social Services hours: C. Frisbie addressed the need for more hours for our social services director. She explained that Missy has taken on increased workload due to the COVID pandemic and has been helping seniors with obtaining testing and more importantly with scheduling vaccinations. Many seniors need help navigating the online system and are not always able to manage it themselves. C. Frisbie is requesting an additional 10 hours/week at Missy's current rate to the end of June. A special appropriation would need to be made at that time. Some discussion followed regarding the logistics. J. Richardson moved to authorize 10 additional hours for the social*

services director at her current hourly rate and adjust that budget line at the end of the fiscal year. Second by R. Kasler. Roll call vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

6. FY 19/20 adjustments: C. Frisbie requested an adjustment to the Fire Company's workman's compensation line to cover an overage of \$1,227. The funds could come from either a special appropriation from fund balance or from the Cirma (Town Insurance) workman's comp line 5710 which is under budget. *J. Richardson moved to move \$1,227 from line 5710 (Town Insurance) to line 5721 (Fire Co Workman's Comp) in the FY 2019/2020 budget. Second by R. Kasler. Roll call vote, all in favor, the motion carried.*

An additional adjustment needed is that \$400,000 was voted on by the board at their December 4, 2019 meeting to be moved from undesignated fund balance, with \$200,000 to go to roads and \$200,000 to go to capital improvement. This needed to be voted on at town meeting, however because of the COVID pandemic that was not accomplished. It needs to be either taken to town meeting or the motion needs to be rescinded. *J. Richardson moved to table further discussion of the December 4, 2019 capital improvement and road fund allocation until further information is received from the Fire Co and Public Works as to their future capital needs. Second by R. Kasler. Roll call vote, all in favor, the motion carried.*

7. E. Schoenfeld spoke to the fact that the board passed the budget last year (under the governor's executive order) and that it is hoped that it could go to the town for approval this year. Discussion followed. C. Frisbie pointed out that the executive order directing the Board of Finance to approve the budget still stands so there is nothing to be done unless that is changed. There is movement out there to encourage the governor to consider allowing the budget to be voted on at either town meeting or referendum. This is being closely watched.
8. Special meeting with auditor: The audit must be approved and submitted by the end of February. C. Frisbie suggested holding a special meeting on either Feb 16 or 17 at 7 pm to meet with the auditor.
9. Public comment:
 - a. H. Tammen, 50 Curtiss Rd
 - b. J. Schultz

Motion to adjourn-D. Robinson/R. Kasler at 7:52 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann

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