

Bd of Finance/Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting May 6, 2020 via Zoom

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

Regrets: 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 7:00 pm by chair Susan Haxo. She took a roll call attendance and noted that the meeting was being recorded.

1. *J. Richardson moved to accept the minutes of April 29, 2020 special meeting.* Second by E. Schoenfeld. Roll call vote was taken, all in favor, the motion carried 5-0-0.
2. *J. Richardson moved to add discussion and possible action on the Tax Collector's suspense list to the agenda.* Second by R. Kasler. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, the motion carried 5-0-0.
3. *J. Richardson moved to approve the Tax Collector's suspense list in the amount of \$4,106.98.* Second by R. Kasler. The list includes motor vehicle and supplemental motor vehicle accounts. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, the motion carried 5-0-0.
4. Fire Truck Update-E. Schoenfeld asked where the process is at this point. J. Marsh, WVFC President noted that the bids that were received are being reviewed and will bring a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen within the next few weeks. The selectmen have seen the bids and have sent them to the Fire Co for review.
5. WVFC Subcommittee-E. Schoenfeld resigned from the committee for personal reasons. S. Haxo, as alternate, agreed to step in to that seat. L. Tanner is willing to take the alternate seat. *J. Richardson moved to appoint S. Haxo to replace E. Schoenfeld on the WVFC Subcommittee and add L. Tanner as an alternate.* Second by D. Robinson. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, the motion carried 5-0-0.
6. Budget Workshop-The board is waiting for the salary analysis to be completed so will review at the next meeting.
7. Public comment-J. Marsh asked about the timeline for salary review. Hoping for end of next week. A special meeting will then be scheduled.

H. Tammen asked which fire truck is being replaced and can it wait a year. R. Ponton replied that Engine 6 is being replaced and that the truck will take a year to build. E. Schoenfeld pointed out that it needs to be approved at town meeting.
8. D. Robinson moved to adjourn at 7:20pm, second by J. Richardson. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann

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To the Selectmen, Board of Finance, fellow tax payers,

We would like to add our vote of “no” to the salaries increases, as proposed in the 2020 Town Budget.

Fair compensation is a fair goal, and we fully support it. But not in the way presented: all at once, during an unprecedented financial crisis, and without the taxpayer’s vote.

Given that our town does NOT have a Five-Year-Plan, and the current budget shows no new sources of revenue, no substantial cuts or savings, and federal and state assistance will most likely decrease, or dry up entirely, we believe a 1 to 2 percent salary increase where appropriate is reasonable, even generous — given most towns are either freezing or cutting back their budgets.

Until, of course, this important issue can be taken up fully and properly, with a better view of the economic impact of the current crisis — and the voters can, once again, have their say.

We respectfully request the inclusion of this letter in the public record of the Town’s budget discussions.

Katia and Adam Crane 52 Mountain Lake Road/ May 6th, 2020.